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WAS A DISGRACE TO JOURNALISM

COLONIST'S SPURIOUS TELEGRAM DISCUSSED

Mr. Borden Repudiated Dis-
patch Even Before Being
Brought Up in House.

The exposure of the use of a forged telegram during the recent campaign in which Mr. Borden was made to subscribe to sentiments which he now denies was the principal topic of conversation on the streets, in hotel lobbies, and in the corridors of the House yesterday. When the Times was issued with a detailed account of the discussion over the incident, in parliament, public interest was even more excited and it was discussed by men about town to the exclusion of every other subject.

"Rank," "Raw," "Disgraceful," were some of the terms employed, and the action of the Colonist newspaper in publishing an alleged fac-simile which is proved to have been a forgery, was condemned on all sides. It is only fair to say that some of the most outspoken condemnations came from Conservatives, who utterly repudiated the use of loaded dice in the form indicated, and also deprecated such an improper use of a telegram from the chief of the Conservative party.

One of the gentlemen who expressed himself most freely was formerly one of the leaders of the party in this province and still holds a commanding position in its councils. "It is the most disgraceful thing I have ever witnessed," he declared, "and the failure of the Colonist to make any explanation of its action only intensifies the offence."

Two prominent Conservatives—one a member of the local legislature, and the other of the local Conservative executive—discussing the question last evening, raised a question which gives additional interest to the situation.

"I much mistake Harry Barnard if he retains his seat," said the first, "I know I wouldn't."

"Nor I either," added the other, while as they walked away together there was a muttered wish about being "preserved from their friends."

This morning the Colonist editorially makes another reference to the matter, but simply states the bold fact that the telegram was altered. Its statement is as follows:

"The Colonist on Sunday printed a statement made by Mr. R. L. Borden in the House of Commons, to the effect that a telegram, purporting to have been sent by him, was not in point of fact so sent. Subsequent dispatches show that what Mr. Borden said was that the words and the absolute exclusion of Asiatics were added to the telegram. Examination of the copy of the telegram in the office of the C. P. R. telegraphers here, made yesterday, shows that the words quoted were not in the original. We have no satisfactory explanation to offer for the addition of these words and can only reiterate that what appeared in the Colonist of the 25th October, as a dispatch from Mr. Borden, was printed in good faith."

In connection with the discussion in parliament it will be remembered that Mr. Borden stated that Sir Wilfrid knew that he denied the authenticity of the telegram in question, having already apprised one of his colleagues of that fact. From the dispatch appearing in the News-Advertiser (Conservative) relating to the incident, it appears that Mr. Borden had previously made his explanation to Hon. Wm. Templeman, but Sir Wilfrid had evidently not learned of it.

The News-Advertiser report states that the repudiation of the telegram by Mr. Borden created a great sensation—a statement which will be readily believed by all who know how careful all reputable newspapers are in reproducing the utterances of public men.

EXCLUSIONISTS SEEK TO STIR UP TROUBLE

Resent Roosevelt's Interference With Anti-Japanese Legis- lation.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 26.—The Asiatic Exclusion League last night adopted a resolution resenting "assertions purporting to emanate from the president" regarding the Japanese situation in California. The circular declares that the statement that the number of Japanese in California is not warranted by the facts published by the commissioner general for immigration for 1908. It is alleged that monthly and yearly reports of the secretary of commerce and labor, with regard to the Japanese population in the United States do not agree and that the explanation of this discrepancy is not forthcoming.

TO LYNCH WHITE MAN.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 26.—Great excitement, prevailing over an attack upon Mrs. J. R. Faulkner, wife of State Representative Faulkner, in her home in Hobart yesterday, and a posse has gone after J. W. Browder, a white man in the employ of Faulkner, who is accused of assault, with the intention of lynching him.

DRAMATIC STORY OF SHIPWRECK

CAPTAIN LAST TO LEAVE SINKING S.S. REPUBLIC

Scene Off Nantucket Most Remarkable in Marine Annals.

New York, Jan. 26.—Capt. Sealby and his officers and most of the crew of the wrecked Republic were given a remarkable demonstration today when they landed at the pier of the White Star line from the revenue cutter Gresham. A great throng of officers and seamen from the steamships of the White Star line in dock, together with three or four hundred spectators, were on the dock when Captain Sealby and his crew stepped down the gang plank. Officers and seamen alike made a rush for Capt. Sealby and lifted him to their shoulders, carrying him the whole length of the dock to the street, while the crowd yelled itself hoarse, and stewards from the steamships blew trumpets. Behind the captain the crowd carried aloft the brave Binns, the wireless telegraph operator. Capt. Sealby was carried from the street to the offices of the steamship company on the second floor, where only his earnest protest caused the crowd to cease its demonstration.

Few marine stories in recent years of marvellous escapes from the sea equal in dramatic intensity that told by Capt. Sealby to-day of the escape of the second officer, Williams, and himself from the Republic. The captain would not talk of the collision with the Florida. Capt. Sealby said: "It was about 8 o'clock on Sunday night when the Republic was sinking, and only myself and Williams were on the bridge. There was a rumbling and cracking at the after end of the boat. The storm was settling very rapidly and the sea was pretty bad. Then I said to Williams: 'Well, what do you think about it?' Williams said: 'I don't know. Let us sprint for it. When you are ready let me go.' I looked aft again and saw how fast she was going, and I told Williams to burn a blue light. Then I fired my revolver five times to let the boats around me know that we were getting off. Turning to Williams, I said: 'Let us take to the forward rigging, and we ran from the bridge to the saloon deck, burning our blue lights as we went, and carrying an ordinary lantern.'

"When we got to the saloon deck the water was coming in a little aft of where we stood. As we ran forward the stern was sinking so rapidly and the incline was so steep that when we got to the fore rigging we started to slip back and could hardly keep on deck. The last I saw of Williams he had crossed the port rail and was hanging over the side. I took to the rigging and went up as high as the masthead lights, a distance of many feet. I rested there and took out a blue light. It was wet and would not go off, and I then fired the last shot from my revolver. The water had now caught up to me, coming up under my great coat, and I floated. The revolver and my binoculars held my coat down, acting as a sort of ballast. At this time the water was roaring, seeming mass all about me. I was caught in a whirlpool for some time, and I was churned around until I came to the surface. I tried to pull off my coat, but could not. There was considerable debris about me, and I managed to catch hold of some broken spars. Then I caught a large hatch covering, and I pulled myself out on it and lay on it, spread eagle fashion. I was getting weak, cold and numb. I just lay on the hatch and saved myself until the last, shouting at intervals. Then the lights played on me and I waved a towel which I had found floating near me, and shortly after the boats from the revenue cutter picked me up and carried me aboard. I found Williams in that little lifeboat. I thought I had seen the last of him."

Capt. Sealby praised in unmeasured terms the courage and pluck of the Republic's passengers, officers and crew and operator. He will make his report of the accident to the officers of the White Star Company some time to-day.

Second Officer Williams said when he found himself in the sea he seized two pieces of floating grating and held himself up between them until picked up by the revenue cutter's boat.

Officer Williams said: "They found me before they picked up Capt. Sealby, and when the captain was taken aboard the lifeboat he lay still for a time. Then he turned and threw his arms around me and said: 'You were game to the last.'"

Story of Rescue.

New York, Jan. 26.—Within considerably less than 72 hours after the crash between the ocean liners Republic and Florida, off the Nantucket shoals, which eventually sent the one to the bottom and reduced the other to an almost helpless state, the survivors of the thrilling accident have found a haven at last. At nightfall last night 1,650 passengers from the two vessels were safe in this port, brought here by the Baltic, while nearing it were the rescued officers and crew of the Republic safe on board the derelict destroyer Seneca, to which they were transferred from the revenue cutter Gresham, after staying up for the last moment by their sinking vessel. At the dock in Brooklyn was the battered Florida, aboard which her crew had remained throughout her trying experience.

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MEZBA STRETTON DEAD.

Was Well Known Novelist Who Acted as Secretary to Charles Dickens.

London, Jan. 26.—Mezba Stretton, the novelist, is dead. She wrote first for Charles Dickens from 1850 until the latter's death, and subsequently wrote religious or philanthropic stories, which were translated into all the European and several Asiatic languages.

DIPLOMATIC RUMOR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.—Although no final decision have been made, it is believed certain that Baron Rosen, the ambassador to the United States, will transfer to Rome and that M. George Bakunastier, former minister to Japan, will be appointed to the post at Washington.

SURVIVORS DIG AMONG RUINS

EXCAVATORS REMOVE NUMBER OF DEAD BODIES

Octogenarian Found in Wreckage Had Lived on Herbs.

Messina, Jan. 26.—Reports were spread yesterday of the remarkable recovery from the ruins of Gaetano Millettello, an octogenarian, alive after 23 days' imprisonment. Investigation proved that Millettello had managed to escape from under the walls of a house a few days after the quake, fleeing in terror to the outskirts of the town where he hid. For a time he sustained life with herbs but at length fell exhausted under a pile of wreckage, where he was found by the soldiers.

Within the last three days 200 per cents have been issued to individuals to excavate on their premises. A large number are engaged now in this task and a number of dead bodies are being removed, all in a terrible state of decomposition. Whenever possible these are enclosed in coffins and buried in the cemeteries.

Sidow at Messina.

SCENE AT PUBLIC EXECUTION IN FRANCE

Crowd Again Testifies to Belief in Capital Punish- ment.

Carpentras, France, Jan. 26.—The second execution in France under the revival of the law of capital punishment took place here to-day, although the scenes accompanying it were less regrettable than those attending the quadruple execution at Bethune on January 11th, where they were distinctly unpleasant and will undoubtedly hasten parliamentary action towards making future executions private. The guillotine was erected on a public square alongside the prison. The locality was cordoned off with soldiers, who effectively blocked all the streets, but an impatient crowd which had assembled during the night demanded that it be given a chance to witness the execution.

Some people climbed upon ladders from which they kept the others from the details of the proceedings, while the windows of houses overlooking the square were jammed with people.

The condemned, a man named Remy Danvers, who had cruelly shot an aged farmer and his wife, was first made aware of his fate by the yells of the crowd that surrounded the prison. He came out of the prison yard with livid face and staring eyes, and it was necessary to make use of force to get him to the guillotine and his head in position for the fall of the blade.

E. J. CHAMBERLAIN IS GENERAL MANAGER

Succeeds Frank Morse in Po- sition on Grand Trunk Pacific.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 26.—The announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of E. J. Chamberlain as general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, in succession to F. W. Morse, resigned.

Up to the time of the purchase of the Canadian Atlantic by the Grand Trunk, Mr. Chamberlain was manager of the system, and he has since been engaged in private business.

TUGBOAT CAPTAINS ARE EXONERATED

(Special to the Times.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—Capt. Irwin Farrer, of Seattle, has received notice that he and Capt. Patrick Hamilton have been exonerated of charges of cowardice and neglect in connection with the wreck of the cannery barque Star of Bengal.

PRIMATE OF ALL CANADA PASSES AWAY

Archbishop Sweatman Had a Most Notable Career in Church.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—Archbishop Sweatman, Primate of all Canada, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after being ill for a week of pneumonia. He was in his 71st year. The last official function over which Archbishop Sweatman presided was the consecration of Bishop Farthing in Montreal.

The late Right Rev. Arthur Sweatman was a strong and distinct individuality. He was born in London, England, in 1834. The deceased received his early education at University College, London, and subsequently entered Christ Church college, Cambridge, where he graduated with honors. He was ordained for the ministry and became curate of Holy Trinity church, Islington (a suburb of London). In 1865 he came to Canada, and for some time fulfilled the duties of head master of Hecmuth Boys' college, London, Ont. His gifts were soon recognized and preferred quickly followed. Step by step he rose, and in 1872 the Bishop of Huron made him his chaplain. During the absence of the Bishop he acted as administrator. On the death of Bishop Innes, he was elected to succeed him as third Bishop of Toronto. Honors now fell thick upon him and in 1888 he attended the Lambeth conference and the Winnipeg Union conference. In 1897, in January, 1907, he was elected president of the Provincial House of Bishops, Metropolitan of the Province and Archbishop of Toronto; and on the same date by the General House of Bishops, Primate of all Canada.

The life of the late Archbishop Sweatman is a monument in itself to a man who had lived up to the purest and highest ideals of human existence. His aim was to strive to alleviate the distressful conditions which environed so many of his less fortunate fellow creatures.

PRINCE FIGHTS DUEL IN PARIS SUBURB

Paris, Jan. 26.—Prince Gregory Stourdieu and Alexander Catargis, son of the Roumanian minister of London, fought a duel this afternoon with pistols in a suburb of Paris, and as a result Catargis is wounded in the right side. He went in an automobile to a private hospital. His condition is considered quite serious. The duel was the outcome of an altercation between the two men at a theatre.

HAGUE TO ARBITRATE FISHERIES DISPUTE

August Court to Decide on Mo- dus Vivendi on Newfound- land Coast.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—For the first time under the terms of the international arbitration treaty with various countries of the world, negotiated by Secretary Root, resort is to be had to the international tribunal at The Hague, to which august body are to be referred the disputed questions growing out of the Newfoundland fisheries treaty of 1818 between the United States and Great Britain. In this way, the state department and the British foreign office hope, in a manner which did him credit, dealing with Mr. Macdonald's reference to the filling of the new portfolio, the premier denied that he had ever been importuned by or on behalf of any gentleman, but had always exercised his own unbiased choice. He had ever been favored in the supporters who sat behind him and there was nothing but the very best of relationship between himself and them. Of the Quebec and Simon Fraser celebrations, the premier spoke eloquently and thanked the leader of the opposition for his remarks in regard to the latter.

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EXCITEMENT MAY LEAD TO LYNCHINGS

Arrests of Men and Women Follow Murder of Prominent Planter.

Indianapolis, Miss., Jan. 26.—Following the killing near Inverness, Miss., on Saturday night of B. A. Bradley, a prominent planter, and the arrest yesterday of several negroes, five men and two women, charged with having a part in the crime, the most intense excitement prevails in that vicinity and the lynching of several, if not all of the negroes under arrest, before night is feared.

Bradley was shot from ambush after visiting the cabin of one of the tenants of his plantation, who, it was stated by several persons, Bradley had expressed the intention of whipping.

PARIS LINTYPERS ON STRIKE.

Paris, Jan. 26.—All lintypers on the Paris newspapers went on strike last night for an increase in wages. The publishers had made arrangements to print their papers by hand.

CARRIE NATION IN LONDON.

Saloon Smasher Pelted With Eggs at Canterbury Music Hall.

London, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was pelted here with eggs, one of them striking her in the face, while delivering a lecture in Canterbury music hall last night. Mrs. Nation was obliged to quit the hall under police protection.

AUTO FIENDS.

Felony for Motorists to Abandon Persons They Have Killed or Injured.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A bill introduced into the assembly makes it a felony for an automobilist to wilfully abandon a person he has killed or injured accidentally. The punishment is two years' imprisonment or a fine of \$1,000.

NO MONEY FOR BEAUTIFICATION

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASSIST

Premier McBride Makes State- ment During Debate on Address.

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 25.
The leaders were heard from to-day on the address, J. A. Macdonald speaking for a little over an hour, and Premier McBride for about half as long again. The speech of the leader of the opposition will be found on another page. It was one of his best efforts and dealt comprehensively with the political issues of the province. He was followed point by point by the premier, who is not as much at home in a set speech on the floor of the House as he is on the stump.

There was not a large gathering of listeners in the galleries and the leader of the government had few of his supporters behind him as he spoke.

Victoria will be interested in the references to the Tasse scheme for the beautification of the city. Mr. Macdonald endorsed it and approved of a government grant, but Premier McBride turned it down cold.

Just before the House adjourned the re-appearance of the Socialist leader took place. The certificate of his election had been read at the opening of the sitting. Mr. Hawthornthwaite slipped into his seat quietly at the last minute and then advanced between Parker Williams, of Newcastle, and John McInnis, of Grand Forks. He evidently did not relish the parade but it had to be gone through. His sponsors appeared to be aware there was a form of words for such an occasion, but did not know them, and so "the honorable gentleman's right to take his seat" was not claimed. All three advanced to the foot of the speaker's dais, bowed, the speaker murmured and acknowledged and the trio moved off with an air of relief that it was over.

Mark Eagleston, the veteran of the Cariboo road, was in his place yesterday and was warmly welcomed by his colleagues. The only member of the opposition side yet to arrive is Stuart Henderson (Yale), who is detained up country on legal business.

The Premier's Reply.
Premier McBride congratulated the leader of the opposition on his promise to offer assistance in perfecting legislation and promised to take him at his word. He hoped for more support from the other side than in days gone by, but that he desired to criticize but give more assistance to the government.

As to the speech, the government had tried to comprise in it all matters on which it thought reference might come from the representative of the crown. He had to congratulate the member for Columbia (Mr. Parson) for the splendid manner in which he had moved the address in reply. His colleague from Victoria (Mr. Davey) had grappled with questions of more than passing moment in a manner which did him credit.

Dealing with Mr. Macdonald's reference to the filling of the new portfolio, the premier denied that he had ever been importuned by or on behalf of any gentleman, but had always exercised his own unbiased choice. He had ever been favored in the supporters who sat behind him and there was nothing but the very best of relationship between himself and them. Of the Quebec and Simon Fraser celebrations, the premier spoke eloquently and thanked the leader of the opposition for his remarks in regard to the latter.

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POLITICS OF THE TWO PARTIES CONTRASTED

Opposition Leader States Clearly Liberal Position in Regard to Timber and Mines—Scores McBride Government for Its Errors.

In a clear-cut and statesmanlike speech J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, yesterday afternoon in the legislature outlined the Liberal policy on the great questions which interest British Columbians. Following him came the premier, with a statement of the government policy on the same matters. The people thus have the two policies presented to them side by side and can have no difficulty in deciding which one is the more likely to lead to the development of the province and of its natural resources.

Mr. Macdonald gave the House and the country a trenchant criticism of the government's shortcomings and of the manner in which its treatment of the forests and mineral resources of the province is retarding development.

The Liberal policy in regard to timber is contained in the following amendment to the Crown Lands act proposed last year and voted down by the government and their Socialist allies: "Provided that the holder of any special timber license in good standing shall, within eighteen months next after the passing of any act, have the right, upon compliance with the terms and conditions of this act with regard to the renewal of licenses, to obtain a license renewable from year to year on compliance with the provisions of this act, and with the further provision that it shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor in council from time to time to make such regulations with regard to the manner of cutting and the preservation of the timber covered by such license as the lieutenant-governor in council may think fit, and further, that whenever in the opinion of the lieutenant-governor in council the lands covered by the license shall be required for agricultural purposes, it shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor in council, after giving to the licensee sufficient notice to enable him to remove the timber covered by his license, to refuse a further renewal of the said license."

The McBride policy is that the present laws are perfect, with possibly an extension of the time-limit.

For the protection of the mineral interests the Liberals some years ago proposed that the mineral tax be reduced to as nearly as possible a basis of net profit; that not only freight and treatment but the payroll in producing the ore should be deducted from its taxable value.

Mr. McBride thinks the tax does not hurt the miner, but the latter has a different opinion.

In the administration of the liquor license law in unorganized territory the Liberal party thinks the people should have some voice as to granting or withholding licenses, but the McBride government insists that the attorney-general should retain the control given him by the last change in the law.

There is no doubt where the Liberal party stands in opposition to civil servants participating in elections. Yesterday Premier McBride took the same stand in theory but intimated that the government would forgive Conservative public servants whose zeal and enthusiasm led them into making a "mistake."

In regard to the co-operation of the government in the beautifying of Victoria the Liberal party believes in it, while Premier McBride, who professes to be such a friend of the city he represents, says it is a luxury he will not countenance.

The personal property tax the Liberal party would return to the municipalities, which are none too rich; Premier McBride thinks the municipalities get enough.

Such in brief are a few of the contrasts which were offered to-day. Mr. Macdonald was warmly cheered on rising to speak and his utterances were closely followed.

Troubles of a Premier.
I thought I should have had the pleasure of congratulating the new minister of public works, who has had that distinction conferred upon him by the premier, but I see the honorable gentleman is not in his place. However, I do desire even in his absence to be very glad to extend our congratulations. It is true the premier has had a difficult task to perform in selecting a minister to fill this portfolio. There were other gentlemen whom I have no doubt the premier desired to offer the portfolio to, but after ten months of careful consideration he has apparently found it impossible to induce these other gentlemen to accept a position in his government notwithstanding that one or two of them represent most important constituencies in this province.

It was felt in the upper country that the gentleman who represents in this House the constituency of Okanagan (Price Ellison), one of the largest and perhaps the most rapidly-growing rural constituency in the province, had some claim upon the recognition of his leader in connection with this matter. But I have no doubt that after more or less consideration the member for Okanagan has found it impossible to devote his time and energies to a greater extent than he does at present, to the public service. The member for Revelstoke (Hon. Thomas Taylor), has

found it possible to sacrifice his own personal interests, and accept the portfolio which has been tendered to him.

The Late Governor.

The speech refers appropriately to the lamented death of the late lieutenant-governor of the province, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere. I think it can be truly said of that gentleman that he endeared himself, during his term of office in this province, to the whole people of British Columbia, without respect to class or party. (Heard here.) I beg, Mr. Speaker, to join in the expressions of regret which we find in His Honor's speech, on behalf of myself and the members on this side, I reiterate the expression of our sincere regret at the death of that distinguished man.

The Tercentenary.

The growth of Canada of recent years has been two-sided. We have grown in material wealth, in population, in education, in the arts and sciences. We are not sitting in the jungle, we are encroaching upon rough nature everywhere on the prairies, in the forests and in the veins of the mountains. We are awake and up and doing in the pursuit of the modern god.

The Tercentenary, however, is the expression of another kind of growth, a growth in Canadian sentiment; an essential as it is elevating to the up-building of a lasting community. That event served to call attention in a signal manner, not only to the growth of national sentiment in Canada, but to the fact that the two great races, which once divided over the spoil of a continent, are now one in the ownership and the government of the northern half of that continent for which they formerly contended, and under one flag and under the British constitution are working, not merely in harmony but as one people having one nationality and that Canadian under the British crown—not as an appendage, but one of a family of nations. (Applause.)

A proud Canadian sentiment is not inimical to the empire, but is the best tribute which we can pay to the greatness of the mother country and to the freedom and justice of our own, and it is the institutions which we have inherited from her.

Simon Fraser Centenary.

Reference too has been made to a great pioneer in this part of Canada, Simon Fraser. This touches us as British Columbians nearer home. Simon Fraser was one of the pathfinders of Great Britain in the new world. It was by the efforts of such as he that the Empire of Britain has been extended so widely over the globe, and that the foundation, the fortunate and timely foundation, was laid for those claims which afterwards, in the face of rival claims, ripened into a declaration of British sovereignty over this portion of the Pacific slope. (Cheers.)

"Nor can I pass over the reference to the calamity which befel the city of Fernie. That city went down to destruction in a manner which appalled the people of this province—but only for a moment. The response which was made by every city, town and hamlet to the cry for help was prompt and generous, and we must not forget that the good people of the adjoining republic were no less prompt and generous in their aid. The embers were still burning in Fernie, when the shout went up from the people of Fernie: The King is dead, long live the King, and a new and better city is now rising from the ashes.

A Meagre Speech.

The speech is perhaps even more meagre on the present occasion than in the past. Perhaps it is true, it is (Continued on page 10)

HAVOC IN MONTREAL THROUGH SLEET STORM

Notre Dame Street Blocked Up by Fallen Wires—Heavy Damage.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 26.—A sleet storm that raged all day Saturday and was followed on Saturday night by a gale of wind worked havoc among the overhead wires on the streets of Montreal and wrecked many fine shade trees on the city streets.

Half a mile of Notre Dame street was closed to the public owing to fallen wires. When the poles fell the wires became entangled with power wires carrying a heavy voltage, and there was a great electrical display until the power was turned off. Hundreds of poles were down all over the city, the storm in this respect being one of the most costly in the city's history. Westmount and a number of other suburbs of the city were without water all day owing to the breaking down of the power line from which the electrically operated pumps are supplied.

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RECORD EXHIBITS

AT POULTRY SHOW

Judge Denny Pays High Tribute to Local Farmers.

"This is the finest showroom and the finest show of poultry I have seen west of Madison Square Gardens, New York. The arrangements for viewing and for judging are perfect. They could not be bettered. The light for judging is perfect. I have never judged in a better, while the character of the exhibits is quite in keeping with the arrangements. I am pleased to be here to judge the fine exhibits and am experiencing considerable difficulty, so close is the competition in making the awards. Victoria is to be congratulated on the show of 1909," said W. C. Denny, the New York poultry judge, this morning, who is here judging exhibits in the annual exhibition of poultry at the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Society, being held in the market building from today till Friday.

Mr. Denny commenced the judging this morning and had 1,500 exhibits awaiting him, the largest number at any Victoria show. Twelve hundred of these are poultry, while the remainder are in pet stock. The exhibition will open to the public this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CONSERVATIVES SELECT W. R. ROSS FOR WHIP

Proposed Legislation Explained at Caucus of Party Last Night.

Last night the Conservative members of the legislature met in caucus. W. R. Ross, K. C. member for Fernie, was appointed as government whip for the session, with H. B. Thomson, one of the Victoria members, as assistant.

The government explained some of the bills which it intends to introduce this session, among them the consolidation of the Water Clauses Act, the club licensing bill and the proposal for the decennial revision and consolidation of the statutes. The gathering is said to have been a harmonious one. H. G. Parson (Columbia), will shortly introduce a private bill to incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson River Boom Co., Ltd.

John Oliver intends to ask how many acres of crown lands were sold or pre-empted since 1900.

H. C. Brewster (Alberni) gave notice of a bill for the better securing of certain mine workers' wages.

\$3,000 AND A KISS.

Tacoma Sergeant Proves Adamant and Inebriated Indian Girl Has to Pay Fine.

Tacoma, Wash., 25.—May Peone, an Indian girl, arrested on a charge of drunkenness, offered Desk Sergeant Raymond \$3,000 in cash and a kiss if he would release her from the city jail. The girl has \$30,000 in cash in the bank and owns valuable lands, the property having been left to her by her father. Though deeply intoxicated she was much mortified by her first imprisonment. She was fined and released today.

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CAPTAIN'S TALE OF SOQUEL'S LOSS

HIS BRAVE WIFE'S FINAL WORD OF LOVE

Weather Prevented Observations Being Taken for Six Days.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 25.—Details of the wreck of the American schooner Soquel were brought here with twelve survivors and the bodies of the wife of Captain Carl Henningsen and his 2-year-old daughter by the United States revenue cutter Daniel Manning this afternoon.

Capt. Henningsen's statement of the loss of his vessel changes the story in several particulars. To the Associated Press Capt. Henningsen said last night:

"I was bound for port Cape Flattery, the approximate location of that point was reached Sunday, January 17th. The weather was exceedingly bad. I had the schooner standing off and on until Friday. An observation to ascertain our position had been impossible for six days. I calculated that we were south of Cape Flattery light and with a slight moderation of the wind a course in shore was ordered Friday afternoon. A heavy snowstorm was blowing so dense that within a few hours two feet had fallen upon deck. At 8 o'clock the course was changed so as to take us out to sea. We had, however, passed Cape Flattery and were blown on to Vancouver island, while on a course that I imagined would take us to sea."

Captain Henningsen says the Soquel struck at 12:30 a. m. Saturday. His wife and child were in bed at the time, but Mrs. Henningsen was unwilling to remain in the cabin, and, wrapping a blanket about her baby, came on deck. A life boat lashings were removed and in this Mrs. Henningsen took a position beside her husband, the captain, and the child. A loud report of an advancing comb, caused the woman to call: "This is death; kiss me, Carl."

In full sweep of the storm, the loosened lifeboat was raised from its cradle and dashed onto the deck, pinning the three beneath. Captain Henningsen was rendered insensible and his wife instantly killed. The child was thrown across the ship by the wave and the work of death was complete. The crew remained huddled together until morning. Then six sailors lowered the captain's gig and made an attempt to reach the coast.

Second Mate Henningsen, a brother of the captain, was washed overboard, but was rescued by those on the schooner. His companions in the small boat finally landed on a cluster of rocks a short distance shoreward from the wreck. They were rescued eight hours later by a boat's crew from the steamer Leebo, Capt. Henningsen and half his crew remained aboard the schooner until Saturday evening.

At low tide they were able to reach the rocks from which their mates had been rescued a short time before. They were forced to remain until yesterday morning, when the surf boat of the Waddah Island life-saving station succeeded in reaching the rock. At the request of Capt. Henningsen four of the life-saving crew swam to the schooner and brought off the bodies of his dead wife and child. This daring act of the Waddah life-saving crew is given high praise.

RETURNS FROM EAST.

W. Y. McCarter Says Financial Conditions Show Great Improvement.

W. Y. McCarter, the well known Hillside avenue contractor, has just returned from an extended tour through the Eastern States and Canada. Mr. McCarter speaks hopefully of the improved financial conditions throughout the East, and says that everywhere he went he found that general feeling of buoyancy and optimism that ushers in a long era of prosperity. He found that people everywhere were eager for information on the Canadian and the province of Alberta in particular, and predicts a genuine boom for that province and British Columbia that will last for several years. In Chicago, he met Miss Agnes Deane Cameron, formerly of this city, and attended a lecture given by her in a large hall which was filled to its capacity, standing room being at a premium. Miss Cameron's subject was the Northland, and for two hours she held her audience thrilled and fascinated with her wonderful descriptive powers in describing scenes and conditions as they exist in the country north of Albataska Land, where she had spent five months last summer. Mr. McCarter says that he could not help but feel a thrill of pride when at the close of the lecture he had to take his place in line and wait patiently for half an hour for the privilege of shaking the hand of this remarkable woman, when he reflected the thought that she once was a citizen of Victoria, but whose heart she gave to the Northland, and who was one of the world's greatest orators.

NO MORE FREE RIDES FOR DOGS.

(Ottawa Free Press.)
Every dog has his day, but the dogs who have been in the habit of riding free on Canadian railways will now find that their day is done. Henceforth they will have to have tickets like mortals.

GAINED REBELLION.

(Toronto News.)
The leaders of sedition in India are stirring up trouble and inciting their neighbors to rebellion by means of speeches reproduced by phonographs. This shows fendish ingenuity. Every one knows to what lengths a phonograph will drive people.

Mrs. Mark Eagleton accompanied her husband to Victoria, where he is attending to his legislative duties. They are making their home at the Dominion.

BITING ATTACK ON PANAMA DEALS

WHOLESALE CHARGES OF WIDESPREAD GRAFT

U. S. Representative Turns Searchlight of Publicity on Canal Zone.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Charging that William Nelson Cromwell, Roger T. Farnum, Charles P. Taft, and others are parties to the "most infamous railroad proposition ever submitted to any government," and that they are being permitted not only to rob the Republic of Panama, but indirectly the treasury of the United States, Representative Rainey, of Illinois, to-day directed the searchlight of publicity upon the affairs of the canal zone, in a startling speech in support of his resolution providing for an investigation by congress of the Panama canal.

"In their effort in this direction," he declared, "they have had so far the complete co-operation and active assistance of the present administration and of the next president of the United States."

Mr. Rainey was particularly bitter in his denunciation of Mr. Cromwell, general counsel for the new French Panama Canal Co., and counsel and director of the Panama railroad, which is owned by the U. S. government. He charges that through the manipulations of Mr. Cromwell, the French canal company was prompted to steal from the United States government, three or four million dollars, and that after he "had become an officer in fact of the United States, he became a party to an attempt to collect from the United States a fraudulent claim on the part of the canal company of \$2,200,000."

He also attacked Don Jose Domingo de Obaldia, president of Panama, whom he represented as "No old Spanish grandee in his generation, but all that is corrupt in Spanish-American politics."

GENEROUS OFFER BY PROMINENT VICTORIAN

A. C. Flummerfelt Makes Proposal Regarding Financing of Publicity Work.

A. C. Flummerfelt, of this city, has addressed the following letter to the editor of the Times:

I was one of the interested and delighted listeners to the very able address of C. C. Chapman, given at the Empress hotel on the 25th inst., and while unfortunately I was unable to attend the meetings convened by the Board of Trade prior and subsequent to that address, am frank to say my interest in Victoria and its future is very deep-rooted.

I was particularly struck with Mr. Chapman's reference to the city of Portland, and since the luncheon have been carefully considering the possibility of some such plan being adopted by Victoria. There has been a good deal of controversy and much difference of opinion exists in the minds of the electors of Victoria as to the wisdom of the expenditure of public funds for a publicity campaign, and it is only just and right to regard these differences of honest opinion; also—it would seem—from the expression obtained through the referendum on this subject, that the hands of the city council are practically tied, as were the aldermanic board to vote any considerable sum under existing circumstances they would obviously be open to very great criticism, which might lead to more active opposition and perhaps create factions in our city, which, in my humble opinion, would not be in the best interests of us all.

I note the amount suggested by the Tourist Association is \$7,000, and after mature deliberation have concluded to make the following proposal: I will be one of seven to provide \$1,000 each or one of fourteen to pay \$500 each, on the understanding that, in addition to this, a sum of at least \$5,000 be collected from the citizens individually through the medium of the Tourist Association.

In making this proposal I do not wish it to be understood that I will give a subscription of any considerable size to the Tourist Association if any part of the fund is raised by public taxation, as I am already bearing my quota in that direction.

This would provide \$12,000 which, if properly used, should, and I think will, be of lasting advantage to the city of Victoria. I also impose the further condition—if this sum is raised and that none of it is to be drawn from the civic treasury—that the mayor and board of aldermen shall undertake to immediately spend whatever sum may be necessary to put our main thoroughfares in proper condition for the exhibition at Seattle the following year.

I have heard various estimates of the number of people who will probably visit Victoria during the year 1909, and I think it safe to calculate that a million tourists would visit Victoria provided the steamship and hotel accommodations are sufficient for such numbers.

I make this proposal, Mr. Editor, to be good for thirty days, as if such a

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movement is to be effective—it must be well under way by the 1st of March next, otherwise the expenditure will be of little value, and I will be glad to have—through your columns or otherwise—expressions of opinion on the suggestion, as I am willing to do what I can to further this or any possible plan.

I have no axe to grind, as I have only two lots in this city, am not in regular business here, and cannot possibly hope to benefit to anything like the degree that will my more fortunate friends who are large holders of real estate, the hotel men and business people generally. At the same time, as before stated, I am intensely interested in the well-being of our city, which for 23 years has been my home, and which I believe has possibilities beyond our present most sanguine expectations.

FOUR DIE IN FIRE.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 26.—Four men were burned or suffocated to death and another perhaps fatally burned here to-day in a fire which practically destroyed the Southern hotel. An explosion caused the fire. The dead have not yet been identified.

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FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY IS SIGNED

French Ministers Approve Concessions Made by Hon. W. Fielding.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Mr. Fielding's work has borne fruit in a supplementary commercial treaty signed at the Foreign Office here on Saturday evening by Sir F. Bertie, the British ambassador, and Mr. Fielding on behalf of his Majesty, and by Ministers Pichon, Caillaux, Cruppi and Ruau on behalf of the president of France. The details of the new treaty have not been given out.

It is understood that Mr. Fielding made concessions to the French government which will meet the objections raised in the French senate. It is believed that with this modification of the treaty originally made it will be approved by the senate. Mr. Fielding is returning to London immediately, sailing very shortly for Canada.

DIED.

NICHOLSON—At the family residence, Swan Lake, Cedar Hill, on Sunday, Jan. 24th, 1909, Joseph Nicholson, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, aged 88 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, at 3 p. m., and half an hour later at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill. Interment in St. Luke's churchyard.

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The attention of persons interested in hereby called to the fact that the Municipal Council, sitting as a Committee of Inquiry, will continue its investigation into the methods and management of street work, including work in the construction of sidewalks and sewers, in the Committee Room, or Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday next, the 28th instant, at 8 p. m., and that any person having any matter relevant to the subject matter of the investigation which he desires to bring before the Committee is hereby invited to attend and will be heard.

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SCHOONER RAMMED.

Tug Spray Runs Amuck in Upper Harbor and Damages Thomas F. Bayard.

A survey is being made to-day of the sailing schooner Thomas F. Bayard, which was rammed at her moorings by the tug Spray. The tug was going in the direction of the bridge when her engines got out of control and it lay between ramming the bridge, or the

schooner and Capt. McPherson chose what he considered the lesser evil, striking the Bayard on the port quarter. One of the schooner's planks was burst and she was strained considerably with the result that she will have to be again hauled out before she can go to sea. It is understood that the owners of the schooner are asking for \$1,000 damages.

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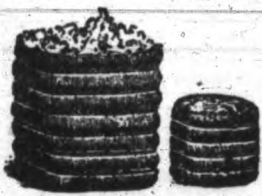
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**SAYS COUNCIL
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CLUB HOUSE AT PARK**Letter From Hon. J. S. Helm-
cken—Legislative Com-
mittee Reports.

A letter from Hon. J. S. Helmcken was read at last night's meeting of the city council protesting against the permission given the Beacon Hill Bowling Club to erect a pavilion at Beacon Hill. The protest was on the ground that the matter was contrary to the powers of the council as trustees under the Hudson's Bay Company's deed of gift. The matter was referred to the parks board on the motion of Ald. Stewart.

Rossland city invited the mayor and aldermen to its twelfth annual carnival, February 2nd and 3rd. The invitation was filed and letter of thanks ordered sent.

Mayor Hall was appointed the city's nominee at the meeting of the board of governors of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, to be held Wednesday, February 24th, at 8 p.m. in the city hall. The appointment was in response to a letter from the society announcing the city was entitled to one nominee on the board for every \$50 subscribed per 1,000 population.

F. B. Pemberton and John Nelson were reappointed to serve on the parks board, they having resigned in accordance with the regulations.

Sailors' Home.

A letter from the secretary of the Ladies' Guild, British and Foreign Sailors' Society, asking a grant or sum towards annual maintenance of the proposed new Sailors' Home, was referred to the finance committee. The society has purchased land near the outer wharf for \$2,000, and requires about \$600 to complete the building.

O. Donkin, Bournemouth, England, wrote regarding dry sanitation as against water carriage. The letter was filed.

The request of J. Haggerty, J. Heaney and D. McFadden to be allowed to dump sand, etc., anywhere within the city limits for distribution centres and other purposes was refused. The applicants will have to be more specific in regard to their intentions. The requests were considered too general.

Lee & Fraser, real estate agents, offered the lot adjoining the city hall for sale to the city on which to build a new city hall. The letter was laid on the table.

James Lyon, Spring Ridge, wrote complaining that the Spring, Ridge pound was a nuisance. The health committee will take the matter up. Ald. Fullerton supported the letter, saying the pound would be a menace to the health of children attending the school which is to be built opposite.

R. H. Owen applied for a position in the city clerk's office. The application was filed.

N. Christopher wrote asking that firemen's and policemen's uniforms be contracted for early, so as to avoid the rush and give employment to men now. The matter was sent to the fire wardens and police commissioners.

Ald. Henderson recommended on a letter from Dr. Richards, veterinary surgeon, that tenders for the city veterinary work be called. This will be done.

The legislation committee will deal with the request of W. H. Craig, the poundkeeper, for alterations in the pound by-law.

The medical health officer was granted two weeks' leave from February 15th.

A long letter from the Victoria & Vancouver Island Publicity Company was referred to the finance committee without being read to the council.

Canon Beaulieu and Mr. Schofield were reappointed as commissioners on the library board, and Ald. Henderson was appointed in place of Ald. Gleason as the council representative.

Ald. Stewart moved that the sanitary inspector investigate a lot on southeast corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets, which is a frog pond and a nuisance. The motion carried.

The same course was followed regarding a lot at the foot of Johnson street, on the motion of Ald. Turner.

A like complaint by Ald. Turner regarding the corner of Kane and Douglas streets was similarly dealt with.

The finance committee will take up the request of the city employees for a fortnightly pay day. The matter was in the hands of the previous council, and recommended to the incoming council. The finance committee will make its recommendation to the council after investigation.

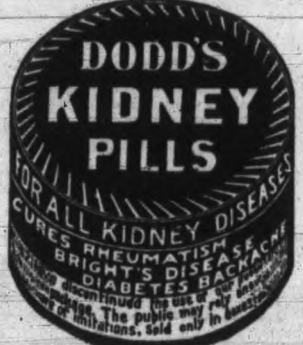
Legislative Committee's Report.

The report of the legislative committee dealing with matters considered by it, which was adopted as submitted, follows:

We, your committee on legislation, have considered, and beg to make report on the following matters:

Re amendment to garbage regulation: We recommend that a by-law be introduced to amend the garbage regulation by-law 1908, directing the charge sanctioned of 15 cents per ordinary.

(Concluded on page 4)

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**NO MONEY FOR
BEAUTIFICATION**

(Continued from page 1.)

A hearty tribute was paid to the pluck and energy of the people of Fernie and the untiring efforts of its member (W. R. Ross) and all its public men, as a result of which there was growing up to-day what would be, before the first anniversary of the fire, the best, cleanest and most substantially built town in the west.

Water Clauses Act.

It did not follow, the premier said, that because the speech did not mention all the subjects of coming legislation it fell short of the functions of a speech from the throne. The revision of the Water Clauses' Act he could assure the House, would be undertaken with care, and efforts would be made, while affecting no existing records, to secure for lands in the dry belt a more equitable and more reasonable supply of water. The bill would be presented in the next day or two, and any time it would be given for its perusal before it was taken up. Criticism and assistance from the opposition side in the passage of this bill would be welcomed. Here was a golden opportunity for the members opposite to redeem their past remissness in this regard.

The premier declared himself unable to understand what was meant by a speculator in timber lands. Everyone in British Columbia was more or less a speculator, and no one who had anything to sell and saw an opportunity to turn over a little money could be blamed. As compared with the Dominion, the premier asserted, the public interest had more protection from the present timber laws of British Columbia than from those of the Dominion. With an extension of the time, of lease these laws would be perfect. Such an extension had been urged by business bodies and the government had the matter under consideration with a view to the adoption of some comprehensive law that would meet the case acceptably and fully. The government was aware of the importance of conserving our timber resources and would endeavor to secure the best expert opinion in the world, but meanwhile did not think any great harm would be caused by a delay of six or twelve or eighteen months.

A Bureau of Forestry.

The chief commissioner of lands had now in mind the establishment of a forestry bureau, which would take over the work of fire-rangings, timber scaling, and so forth. There would have to be a skilled man at its head as chief forester. This was a scheme which all should favor. The government had placed a reserve on the timber of the province which would prevent the alienation of any further area. The great demand for lumber had only come a few months before this reserve was made and the government, therefore, could not be accused of neglect.

The premier thought the country was getting back in one way or another a fair proportion of the revenue paid into the province. If the government had listened to all the requests for returning to the municipalities the personal property tax and other revenues, the province would not only have a surplus but would be in a fair way to be insolvent. There was a great demand on the government for public works in the unorganized districts and it could not afford to surrender any of its revenue.

Kind to the Liberals.

In defence of the government against Mr. Macdonald's charge that opposition constituencies were being starved, the premier said:

"I can assure my friends opposite the estimates will in the future as in the past be fair and equitable. I do not think we can be accused of following such an unfair and pernicious system as to starve opposition constituencies. (Ironical opposition laughter.) My friend from Cranbrook wanted a trunk road and I think he will find a very willing ear to the needs of a trunk road for the province. In Cranbrook, I would be the last man in the world to say that a Liberal constituency should be treated unfairly. Why should we treat them so?"

"That is what we want to know," was the reply supplied by John Oliver.

"We have tried to do the fair and honest thing," continued the premier, "to give a square deal and nothing more. In reason you could not ask for more than that. If anything, the government has erred on the side of the Liberal constituencies." (Laughter.)

The premier was going on to say that during the recess the governor had to be asked for warrants to enable some necessary road works to be carried on, when Mr. Macdonald remarked that it was strange the law of lieutenant-governor's warrants for this purpose had been opened about election time, as in 1902, 1907 and last fall.

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Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 25th, 1909.

keep it by spending money for a luxury when I know it was absolutely necessary to spend it on public works for the building up of British Columbia. When the time comes for the people of Victoria to hear from me I will not hesitate to tell them so."

The premier concluded his speech with a graceful tribute to the late lieutenant-governor as a man and an administrator.

G. R. Naden (Greenwood) secured the floor for to-morrow afternoon, and after J. H. Hawthorthwaite had introduced himself the House rose at half-past five.

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MORE THAN A MATTER OF GOOD FAITH.

The Colonist, while obviously perturbed by the exposure of its perfidy to its political leader and its readers in the matter of that garbled telegram, attempts to dismiss the subject by admitting the imposture and confessing that it has no explanation to offer except that the dispatch was published "in good faith."

We submit that so serious a matter, affecting not only the reputation of our contemporary itself, but the good name of the newspaper press in general, cannot be so lightly dismissed.

The Colonist admits that the original of the telegram has been examined in the office of the telegraph company and that the words "and the absolute exclusion of Asiatics" were not found in the said original dispatch as it came from the wires. It was therefore delivered into the hands of some representative of the paper in its unadorned form. In that form it was not considered satisfactory for the purposes our contemporary had in view. Hence the message was "edited," evidently by some person high in authority (because no newspaper man in even a subordinate position trained in journalistic ethics would dare to take such liberties with a signed statement of any individual, much less with a declaration of policy of a national political leader), and the words inserted.

In order to rehabilitate itself in public opinion, and to save what little reputation for honesty and veracity it may have left, our contemporary really ought to vouchsafe a more satisfactory explanation than a mere reiteration of the inane statement that the dispatch was published in good faith. It owes a public apology to Mr. Borden for placing him in the position of a mere office-hunting demagogue before the Canadian people. That was actually the effect of the offence, because Mr. Borden had previously made his position on the Asiatic question clear, and that position was precisely analogous with the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier—that the delicate question of Asiatic exclusion as it affects Japan must be met by diplomacy and negotiation. It has been solved in that way by the government of the United States. To declare for the absolute exclusion of all Asiatics would be to pronounce in favor of absolute non-intercourse with the continent on the other side of the Pacific. That is something no statesman in Canada or elsewhere dare commit himself to. Hence the false position in which Mr. Borden was placed by our contemporary in its frenzy, and hence the position in which it finds itself as a consequence of its exposure by the Conservative leader.

There was ample evidence previous to the election of October 26th that the Colonist was prepared to make any sacrifice to accomplish the defeat of the Minister of Inland Revenue. It persistently made a mockery of truth, as has been proved upon numerous occasions. It garbled the statements of the Premier of Canada, as we have shown. But few persons, even knowing the depths to which it would descend in its hatred of a political opponent, would have expected it to deliberately mutilate, distort and give a false meaning to a statement it had itself solicited from its political leader.

A history of journalism in Canada has recently been issued. Neither in the record therein contained nor in the history of the press of the world, can an instance be cited of such a flagrant violation of the unwritten canons of an honorable profession.

A REBUFF FOR VICTORIA.

The necessity for the construction of roads and trails throughout the province is so imperative that Premier McBride, in a special session of the representative of Victoria, spurns with disdain the idea of the legislature contributing one cent to any scheme for the "beautification" of the capital. Yet the urgency of the demand for the construction of roads and trails did not preclude the government from spending very many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the erection of public buildings in other cities of the province, in some of which the accommodation was already ample. And some of these institutions, as the Times has already pointed out, in any other province of Canada, would have been erected and maintained at the capital of the province. The remarks of the Premier, delivered with particular emphasis, simply demonstrate how absolutely he is in the hands of his "good friend and colleague, Billy Bowyer." There was even a note of defiance in his voice which might by his political opponents be interpreted as meaning that the Premier regretted he had gone so far as to forego the right of demanding free water from the city, "he has the

great honor of representing in this Legislature." Mr. J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, made a convincing and logical speech on the address in which he frankly espoused the cause of the capital and exposed the corrupt manner in which the government has entrenched itself in power. Mr. Macdonald's speech will be found in another page of this issue, and we can vouch for the fact that the reader who diligently peruses it will occupy his time to advantage.

Ghosts are walking and messages being received from the dead in the Old Land, according to persons whose positions in life and opportunities for study ought to be guarantees against deception. Mr. W. T. Stead avers that he is in daily receipt of messages from his deceased son. Mr. Stead is himself the instrument of communication between the material and the spiritual world. Considering the circumstances of the case, it would be a harsh thing to say that the editor of the Review of Reviews, the friend of the Czar and many other mighty personages, is self-deluded. Yet it is somewhat remarkable and worthy of note that in this new world we seldom are subject to the attention of "ghosts" and that spiritual messages are never received except by persons of doubtful character who turn their alleged "psychic" gifts to their own material advantage. Are these conditions a natural result of the sceptical spirit of the new world? Or shall they be ascribed to other causes, such as the fact that, being a new country, our environment has not been charged with things supernatural? There is not even an Indian ghost left in British Columbia to make things interesting for the white Jacobs who have supplanted the aborigines. Possibly someone who has made a special study of ghostly phenomena will endeavor to explain the mystery.

Another Scottish invasion of England is being planned. Signor Marconi's special wireless telegram to the Toronto Globe of January 15th says: "What will probably prove its death-blow was dealt last week to the practice known as 'kissing the Book,' commonly observed in British law courts. During recent years many objections have been raised to the system. The small Bible which every witness is asked to kiss is often decidedly dirty, and various suggestions have been made whereby the practice could be dispensed with. There is apparently no legal sanction for the practice, which, however, is consecrated by long custom. But clearly as the English people cling to old customs this hereditary habit will now probably die out. In both the Divorce Court and the Chancery Division the Clerks have been instructed to ask witnesses if they desire to be sworn in the Scotch fashion, in which there is no kissing of the Book. To meet the case of those who prefer to kiss the Book, Sir Gorell Barnes, president of the Probate and Divorce Courts, has given directions that the Bibles used in his court shall be furnished with washable bindings."

Mr. T. W. Paterson, a practical railway and business man of long experience, who is well known in Victoria, has kindly consented to contribute to the Times a series of articles on rates of transportation in British Columbia. Mr. Paterson, it is needless to say, will deal fairly and dispassionately with his chosen subjects as between the railway companies and their patrons. He has had sufficient experience to appreciate the positions of both. His observations will be read with a great deal of interest by all concerned in the matter.

The luncheon to Mr. D. D. Mann at the Driad to-morrow should attract a large gathering of Canadian Club members. Mr. Mann is not a Canadian by adoption, but by birth, and is distinctively the construction king of the railway world of this Dominion. We hope to see his locomotives at the water on the Pacific before long. In the meantime we are delighted to see him.

If it is not unkind to further lacerate its wounds, may we humbly request the Colonist for the twentieth time to reproduce that article which Mr. Preston did not write, but which was in twenty-four hours "easily the greatest issue of the campaign."

It is said that there is another and very recent telegram from Mr. Borden to the Colonist, of which the paper cannot be induced to print a fac-simile.

U. S. TRAIN WRECK.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 25.—Union Pacific passenger train No. 11 was wrecked this morning as it was entering the yards here. The fireman was instantly killed and the engineer slightly hurt. Passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

The wreck was caused by a defective switch, which derailed the baggage car, causing the train to break in two and then double up.

William McKay, one of the unsuccessful candidates for school trustee at the recent election, has again decided to run at the forthcoming bye-election, in view of the generous support received on the occasion of the last contest.

The Men's Own Social Club will meet to-night at 8 o'clock in the board room of the First Congregational church. The meeting will take the form of a debate on "Capitalism versus Socialism," to which all men are invited to attend.

What Other People Think

POLICE COURT JUSTICE

To the Editor:—The recent sentences by Magistrate Jay would be amusing if they were not worse. No man uses a bad argument if he has a better at his command. To say that the boys in the Watson case were too old for a reformatory and too young for jail is absurd and contemptible. No man fit to be a magistrate would say such a thing. Is there a gap in the law? Is there an age when offenders get out of one net without getting into the other? I think not. The possible explanation of Mr. Jay's decisions is that in the one case there was wire pulling and in the other there was none.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

To the Editor:—I have not the pleasure of knowing either Mr. (A. J. Brown) or Mr. (A. R. Morley) or Mrs. (Mrs. Mary Walker), your correspondents in last night's Times, but they evidently belong to that class of individuals who rush into print and work themselves into a fever of accusation of wrongdoing before they know, or take the trouble to collect their facts properly. Such persons are almost as dangerous as the anonymous letter writer, who never looks up his facts, but the mischief done is the same in both cases. Before your correspondents took the grave responsibility of accusing a minister of the crown of tampering with the administration of criminal law, and thereby involving the magistrate and the persons who pleaded the case of the boys in question in the same crime, it would have been at least only common fair play on the part of these outrageously outraged persons to have inquired a little for grounds for such a charge. As representing one of the boys, I take the responsibility for the course pursued, which was as follows: The Attorney-General being some connection by marriage with two of the boys, we were precluded from applying to him for executive clemency, should the facts of the case warrant the exercise of clemency. The Attorney-General was also asked to advise the government, as he was a sufferer at the hands of the boys. Further, the Attorney-General being absent, the Premier was acting Attorney-General, and to him Mr. Morley and I applied, and stated the simple facts as they stood, advancing no excuse for the gravity of the offence. The Premier, after hearing us, promised to take the matter up with the superintendent of the police, to whom he referred us, and directed us to give him also the facts for his guidance in inquiring into the matter and advising the Premier. We were given no promise and were wholly unaware of the attitude of the department until, on the morning of the trial, counsel for the crown intimated to us that the department would consent to the boys being allowed out on their own recognizance (provided the magistrate approved), on condition that they were sent to sea.

These conditions were carried out within ten minutes so far as the boy I represented was concerned, and now he is on one of the best British ships afloat, under a captain who is noted for his success in turning out excellent sailors, and who is himself one of the manifest fellows I have ever met. His mate (Mr. Captain Erskine) is also of the same type. The ship is one of a fleet of sailing vessels kept by a rich mercantile company of England for the purpose of training men and boys for their future careers as sailors. I ask whether the boy is not better there than acquiring learning in the penitentiary for a career of crime when he got out. I further ask your outraged correspondents whether any parent will accuse the Premier of tampering with justice by using his power to rescue a boy by giving him such a chance to reform? With the non-fulfilment of the conditions imposed on the other boys, I have nothing to do, nor any opinion to offer thereupon. But I positively and most emphatically declare that any insinuation of allegation of the exercise of political, personal or family influence is incapable of proof, and that when made it is false in toto. I expect as little political clemency from Mr. McBride as I would show to him, and as a bitter political opponent of his of many years' standing, I unhesitatingly accuse him of being even remotely, directly or indirectly, capable of the crime insinuated against him by your government by your correspondents.

Not knowing anything of the facts of the case against the unfortunate boys who are made a contrast by your correspondents, I will set your correspondents a good example by saying nothing, as I do not consider it advisable to take into print the strength of newspaper reports or street gossip. Any further allegation or crooked dealing I shall take measures to notice in quite another manner.

O. C. BASS.

THE STOLEN PARK AND THE UN-SIGHTLY POLES.

To the Editor:—We all know that "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," so at the very least we have credit of seeing that you are now writing up and advertising the cause of the old "Tourist Association" under its new name of "Publicity Campaign."

Perhaps it would be as well to point out that old residents have for years advocated the beautifying of Victoria, with the means ready to hand, and without all this immense blowing of strange trumpets and public petitioning that is now going on. Take, for instance, the case of the sea view on Dallas road by their forbidding the Electric Light Company to erect their unsightly poles on it. Houses were to be sold from the fact that the view was spoiled. Now look at that portion of Dallas road between the Dallas hotel and St. Lawrence street and see how two huge poles have been put up by the light company only a very short time ago. I think Alderman Cameron and Alderman Henderson were excellent aldermen, so I know it was only an oversight that the permission was given to the company to erect them. Still it was a grave error, but it could be remedied even now by asking permission politely from the owner of a large field at the back of the new house that has been wired and erecting the pole there, or else wiring from the Dallas hotel. Other parts of Dallas road may be disfigured in the same way later, but I can only speak from personal observation of this part.

Then, again, in your issue of last night, Rev. Mr. Ard in his letter alludes to the hope that the Mayor and council of 1899, who "are opening and laying out parks in every part of the city," would also try to have tennis courts and cricket pitches,

so as to keep the boys off the streets. A very good and excellent wish, but what is it possible for us to say and feel on the subject of parks whilst we, unucky residents in this part of Victoria, have had to suffer the shameful spoliation by a former Mayor and council of the charming natural park-like piece of ground lying between St. Lawrence and Montreal streets, that was given by Sir James Douglas for a park for residents in this part of Victoria. Several years ago a Mayor and council tried to deprive us of this park and to sell it and thereby the money to erect a new sewer. I wrote to the papers protesting against any such action. I pointed out how at a very small expense a lovely park could be made of the piece of ground, and what a good impression such a park, with its fine trees and sweet flowers, would make on the hundreds of tourists and passengers arriving by steamer at the outer wharf and who have to pass that way into town. At present the only object they have to gaze at is the chemical works, and the only odors they can smell are the fumes arising from those works. I was instrumental at that time in saving it from the city. I then wrote to the Mayor and council tried it again, and our aldermen of that date never tried to protect the ward's property, but let it go. Then the highest provincial legislature mentioned the piece of the land and the "robbing Peter to pay Paul" affair was closed. One house so far has been built on it and many many fine trees ruthlessly cut down, but even now, could it not be returned to its rightful owners and made into a thing of beauty, a resting place for older people who are never able to go to Beacon Hill park, and a playground for the many boys in James Street, and a good round street corner. With all these things fresh in our memory it is it wonder that we view with deep distrust all this talk about beautifying Victoria when such transactions were allowed to take place without any protest from the Tourist Association, park commissioners, Mayor and council, or our members in the legislative assembly?

Beach Cottage, 132 Dallas road, January 25th, 1909.

A MATTER FOR THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

To the Editor:—Seeing by reports in the papers that the railway commission is to meet here in February, I would like to call the attention of the city council, the board of trade and the public generally to a matter which should be brought to the notice of the commission while they are in the city. Two years ago an attempt was made to get the E. & N. railway to open up Wilson street by making a level crossing where the track now block the thoroughfare. That attempt failed. Since that time many new houses have been built on Wilson street beyond the railway and also on the Old Esquimalt road outside the city limits. The failure to open Wilson street causes untold inconvenience to many people every day. Should there be a fire between the railway and the city limits, the Victoria fire engine would have to go to right down to Esquimalt road, then out to the city limits, back two blocks to Wilson street, and thence to the fire. In the time they would have to take to make this long circuitous journey the house could easily be burnt down. Delivery wagons suffer the same inconvenience every day, and surely with the railway commission meeting in the city the matter might be settled by the railway company and a long suffering public. It might be well to ask the members of the commission to visit the crossing and so let them see for themselves the inconvenience to which the public is exposed. I am, Sir, very truly, Yours, CAPT. W. GIDLEY.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25th, 1909.

CITY RETAINS ITS RIGHTS IN PARK

Bowling Club Has Not Acquired Any Proprietary Interest There.

A letter was read from Hon. J. S. Helmcken at last night's meeting of the city council protesting against permitting a bowling club to have the use of Beacon Hill, the suggestion in the letter being that the club in question thereby acquires some proprietary interest in the park.

The letter was referred to the public parks board, under whom the necessary permission was obtained by the bowling club, and will be dealt with by them at their next meeting. The members of the board questioned on the matter state that the rights of the club at the hill are only permissive, and that they are liable to cancellation at any time. The board recognizes that under the trust deed whereby the city holds the park, no rights there can be delegated to any one of any organization. Within the last two or three years, however, the cricket club has sought permission to use a portion of the park at the north-eastern corner, which was formerly little better than waste land. The same privilege was sought by the recently organized bowling club and the permission issued in each case was the same.

By this arrangement the two organizations mentioned spend considerable sums of money to under-drain, level and seed what was previously a marshy and unused part of the park, for the improvement of which the board has no funds. By the expenditure of a large sum of money there this waste section will be converted into delightful lawns, without costing the city a cent and without conferring any rights on the parties making the expenditures. It is specifically arranged that no fees of any kind shall be imposed for the use of these grounds or for witnessing any of the competitions there.

Dr. Helmcken's vigilant interest in the park is well known, but the members of the board say they believe they have performed a service for that institution which even Dr. Helmcken will commend when he understands its terms.

COSGROVE AT PORTLAND.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—Governor-elect S. C. Cosgrove, of Washington, arrived in Portland this morning from Pasco Robles hot springs, where he has been for weeks undergoing treatment. Mr. Cosgrove has no intention of taking the reins of office into his own hands for months to come.

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10-4 FLETTE BLANKETS, white and grey. Reg. \$1.25. To-morrow 90c
11-4 FLETTE BLANKETS, white and grey. Reg. \$1.50. To-morrow, pair \$1.15
12-4 FLETTE BLANKETS, grey only. Reg. \$1.75. To-morrow \$1.40
COTTON FILLED COMFORTERS, dark and medium shades, full size. Reg. \$2.00. To-morrow \$1.35
FINE SAXONY WOOL BLANKETS, 60 x 80, pink or blue borders. Reg. \$3.75. To-morrow, pair \$2.50
FINE WOOL BLANKETS, 60 x 80 in. pink or blue borders. Heavy quality. Reg. \$5.50. To-morrow \$3.50

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Interest in our Whitewear Sale is being well maintained, and without doubt this sale will establish a new record for us in the volume of business done. The reason for the heavy selling is easily accounted for by the values offered. When you can buy new, fresh, dainty whitewear at 25 to 35 per cent. lower than last season it is certainly a good idea to buy now, when the assortment is large, before the best patterns and best values are picked up. Don't put off seeing these goods any longer. Many specials on sale to-morrow.

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An assortment of Underskirts and Nightdresses at this price, and extra good values they are, many of the garments being worth \$1.50. We offer at this price eight handsome patterns of nightdresses and nine designs in underskirts. Some of the best values of the sale are on this table at \$1.00

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LINGERIE BLOUSES, made of fine Persian lawn, entire front made of rows of rich embroidery and fine tucks, back made with fine tucks, long sleeves with deep cuffs of lace, fine tucks and insertion, collar to match. Price \$2.25

LINGERIE BLOUSES AT \$2.75
LINGERIE BLOUSES, made of fine white Persian lawn, entire front of a handsome design of Swiss embroidery, finished with fine tucks, back made with wide tucks, long sleeves with cuffs of fine tucks and Valenciennes lace and insertion, collar to match. Price \$2.75

LINGERIE BLOUSES AT \$3.50
LINGERIE BLOUSES, made of handsome white embroidered muslin with corded overcheck, front made with rows of Valenciennes insertion edged with two rows of Valenciennes insertion and finished with fine tucks, back finished with fine tucks. Seven-eighths length sleeves with cuffs of insertion and lace, collar to match. Price \$3.50

TAILORED BLOUSES AT \$1.25
TAILORED BLOUSES, made of fine Persian Lawn, open front, made with rows of wide tucks, back finished with four rows of wide tucks, long sleeves with deep, soft cuffs, stiff linen collar made of fine tucks. Price \$1.25

TAILORED BLOUSES AT \$1.75
TAILORED BLOUSES, made of fine white plaid muslin, open front with wide pleat and rows of wide-tucks down front and four rows of tucks down back, long sleeves with deep soft cuffs, stiff linen collar. Price \$1.75

TAILORED BLOUSES AT \$1.75
TAILORED BLOUSES, made of fine Persian Lawn, open front, finished with wide and narrow tucks, back finished with four wide tucks, long sleeves with deep soft cuffs, stiff linen collar. Price \$1.75

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TIMES AD. CALENDAR

JANUARY

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There is some "sensational news" in the ads. to-day—genuinely sensational.

Local News

—Tyres for English bassinets. Waites Bros., 641 Fort street.

—Heavy bark wood, cut 12 inches for grate and heater. Cameron Lumber Company, Ltd. Phone 910.

—To Seattle 25c. SS. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p.m.

—January Sale of Remnants.—Great sale of remnants, flannels, flannellettes, wrapettes, delaines, prints, table linens, dress goods, linings and gingham. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

—Old pianos made new, scrapped off and finished in any color desired.—The Woodworkers, Ltd., 731 Johnson street. Phone 1165.

—Cold Weather Snaps.—Ladies' knitted underwear, 50c a garment; comforters, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.55; blankets, \$2.50; large size, \$4.25 pair; ladies' long coats, furs and gloves, all reduced.—Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

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—To Seattle 25c. SS. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p.m.

—January Sale.—Furs and Jackets, all greatly reduced, at Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

—Liberal Rooms. Phone 1704.

—Office and pocket diaries in all sizes. Also complete office outfits to be had at the Standard Stationery Co., 1220 Government street.

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—To Seattle 25c. SS. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p.m.

—Two drunks paid the usual fines in the police court this morning and a vagrant was sent to jail for three months.

—The public meeting of citizens to discuss "Why men over fifty have not the right to vote," called for to-night, has been postponed until next week.

—Daylight Trip, 25c.—To Seattle SS. Princess Royal sails daily except Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

—Are you thinking? Are you thinking about wire netting? If you are, think of us, for we have a large stock of this most useful commodity. Two-inch mesh costs but \$1.10 per roll of 50 yards, for every foot in width. Sizes 1 to 4 feet. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas street.

—A special meeting of the congregation of the St. John's church will be held on Thursday evening in the guild room. A large attendance is requested as business of importance will be transacted.

—Daylight Trip, 25c.—To Seattle SS. Princess Royal sails daily except Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

—A lecture will be given this evening in the guild room of St. John's church by Miss Ard, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary. She will take for her subject the Pan-Anglican Congress, the needs of the church in the northwestern provinces and the objects of the Women's Auxiliary.

—The weekly meeting of L'Alliance Francaise will hereafter be held on Wednesday instead of Thursday. On account of the Gadsdill concert there will be no meeting to-morrow. On February 2nd Madame and Mademoiselle Fausch de Kerpedron have promised to read aloud and M. Parizeau will recite.

—Next Sunday Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Howell, of Toronto, will conduct special meetings in the A. O. U. W. hall at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The meetings will be purely evangelistic in character, the singing and speaking being such that all will enjoy. A large attendance is expected. All are invited to attend.

—The annual election of officers of the local plumbers union, No. 324, took place recently in the Labor hall, and resulted as follows: President, J. Lyons; vice-president, W. R. Menzies; recording secretary and business agent, G. Lidster; treasurer, T. McLaran; guard, J. Newlands; delegates to trade and labor council, W. Thacker and G. Lidster. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening spent.

—At the meeting of the executive committee of the S. P. C. A. last evening, it was decided to print the annual report and list of subscribers and distribute same at once. An appropriate and interesting list of lantern slides, which have been purchased for the forthcoming lectures to the young people of Victoria, was submitted and approved. The first lecture will take place in the course of a week or two and it is hoped by this means the work of the society will be brought before not only children, but adults also. The subjects chosen will, it is anticipated, amuse as well as educate, and provide all with an enjoyable evening.

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BURNS' CONCERT.

Enjoyable Entertainment Provided Under Direction of J. G. Brown Last Night.

In the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church last night the annual Burns anniversary concert, under the direction of J. G. Brown, was held. Mr. Brown rendered "For the Now" in an amusing manner and a long and interesting programme was heard. Those contributing were Jesse Longfield, W. Galt, Miss Jessie McKilligan, Miss Evans, R. Morrison, Mrs. L. Hall, E. Parsons, J. Scott Ross, and Mrs. A. H. Bertram, while the choir rendered several excellent choruses.

There was a large attendance and the concert proved as usual most enjoyable and successful. A more extended report of the concert will appear to-morrow.

MR. MANN TO MEET CANADIAN CLUB

The executive of the Canadian Club have been fortunate in inducing Mr. D. B. Mann, of the Canadian Northern, to remain over a day longer than he intended, in order to meet and address the members of that organization.

Mr. Mann will speak on a subject of vital interest to Victorians and British Columbians at the present time, namely "The plans of the Canadian Northern in the West."

The luncheon will be held at the Drifted to-morrow (Wednesday) at 1 o'clock. The president, Judge Lammiman, will preside. The tickets can be obtained by application at Hibben's on presentation of membership tickets. The price of tickets is 15 cents. "Owing to the hasty manner in which arrangements had to be completed it is impossible for the secretary to give members the requisite notice through the post. They are asked to accept this notification instead."

SIDNEY SCHOOL BOARD.

J. W. Brettom Re-elected Chairman—Estimates Considered.

The board of school trustees met at Sidney school on Saturday. Mrs. C. M. White-Birch, J. W. Brettom, and George Simpson, the new members of the board, took the oath of office before J. J. White, J. P., after which the board re-elected J. W. Brettom chairman and A. J. McKenzie, secretary, vice F. North, who was defeated at the election. The other member of the board is H. A. McKilligan.

The estimates were considered but were not finally completed. They will be considered again Saturday next.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 26, 5 a.m.—The barometer is comparatively high over this province and fair weather prevails, with moderate easterly and northerly winds along the coast. Heavy rains have again fallen in California. The weather remains cold over Northern British Columbia and in Kootenay, and down to zero in portions of Alberta.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair, with frost at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, with sharp frosts at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 36; minimum, 35; wind, 2 miles a.m.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 33; minimum, 33; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 32; minimum, 31; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 31; minimum, 31; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, part cloudy.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Contractors Fail to Comply With Specifications Regarding Sand and Gravel.

"Last year's council had considerable trouble in regard to the letting of contracts," said Mayor Hall at the council meeting last night when the tenders for sand and gravel for the year were considered on the report of the purchasing agent and city engineer, "and this year the council wishes to avoid a similar complication." He then had read the bids on sand and gravel for the year, and in the subsequent discussion it developed that only one tenderer of ten had complied with the specifications: it was provided that tenderers should state where they would supply the gravel from. The lowest tenderer for gravel, Henry B. Hick, of Vancouver, had not done this, and Ald. Turner said the council did not want gravel from Vancouver. He thought the tender should be let to a local firm.

Ald. Henderson said the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company was prepared to supply the gravel for Mr. Hick if the council were let to him, and would guarantee the proper carrying out of the contract.

Mayor Hall said Mr. Hick was "a straw man" and his tender was subsidiary to that of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company. It was merely a matter of two tenders from the same firm. The officials had been unable to locate Hick.

Ald. Stewart asked if the tenders were all in accordance with the specifications, and learned they were not. He thought the specifications should be complied with, and if not bids should be thrown out.

Ald. Humber said: "Hick is a straw man, and I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for 'spitting' it out."

Ald. Fullerton wished it understood that the successful tenderer take no gravel from Spring Ridge. This was agreed to.

Considerable discussion followed on the matter, and Ald. Fullerton asked for all figures in connection with the tenders. He thought the public ought to see them.

Ald. Turner asked that copies of all tenders be handed to aldermen. He did not think the officials were overworked, and said that if they were the council would raise their salaries, but the work of the council would have to be done properly. The matter was finally settled that tenderers complying with the specifications only should be considered, and that the contract should be made with the lowest tenderer who did so.

The list of tenderers was as follows: For sand and gravel filling—Lineham, Scott Sand & Gravel Company; John Hagerty & Company and William McPhadden. The tender of the first named firm was the lowest for the supply of filling in the northern central and southern districts of the city at 88c, 88c and 99c per cubic yard respectively, while that of John Hagerty & Co. was the lowest for supplying filling in Victoria West, the price being 110c per yard.

For the supply of gravel, tenders were received from Henry B. Hick, Vancouver; the British Columbia Sand & Gravel Company; John Hagerty & Company, and William McPhadden. The tender of Mr. Hick was the lowest for the supply of gravel within the city limits, excepting Smith's Hill reservoir, at \$1.22 per cubic yard, but Mr. Hick failed to state from whence he would get his material. The tender of John Hagerty & Company is the lowest for supplying gravel within a radius from Spring Ridge to the post office, at \$1.20 per yard or \$1.10 within the city limits.

Tenders for sand were received from Lineham, Scott Sand & Gravel Company, Henry B. Hick, the British Columbia Sand & Gravel Company. The tender of the first named concern is the lowest at \$1.08 per cubic yard within the city limits.

The report of the purchasing agent and water commissioner on supplies was as follows:

The lowest tenderers in accordance with specifications will be awarded the contracts.

Lumber—Tenders received from Taylor Mill Company; J. A. Sayward; Shawinigan Lake Lumber Company; James Leigh & Sons; Moore & Whittington, and Cameron Lumber Company. Taylor Mill Company lowest tender.

Paving blocks—Taylor Mill Company; J. A. Sayward; James Leigh & Sons; Moore & Whittington; Cameron Lumber Company; Henry B. Hick. Taylor Mill Company the lowest tender.

Castings, etc.—Victoria Machinery Depot Company, Limited; B. C. Foundry & Engine Works Company; Adams & Parsons, Victoria Machinery Depot Company, Limited, the lowest tender.

Fire hydrants—Hutchinson Bros., the only tenderer.

Cordwood for pumping stations—Josiah Bull; Simmons Bros., and G. D. McMartin. Josiah Bull the lowest tender at \$3 per cord.

Hauling of coal to pumping stations—Burt Bros., the only tenderer.

Hauling of bricks—William Simons the only tenderer.

Forage—Bannerman & Horn; Brackman-Ker Milling Company, and Sylvester Feed Company. Bannerman & Horn the lowest tender.

Groceries—Frederick Carne; Windsor Grocery Company. The latter the lowest tender.

Butchers' meat—Porter & Sons; McFadden & Mould; B. C. Market Company. Porter & Sons the lowest tender.

Fish and vegetables—W. J. Wriglesworth; Brown & Cooper. W. J. Wriglesworth the lowest tender.

Bread—The Bakeries Limited the only tenderer.

Drugs, etc.—W. S. Terry; W. Jackson & Company; the former being the lowest tender.

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Island Could Be Made Sportsman's Paradise With Little Expenditure.

The residents of the Queen Charlotte Islands are very anxious to secure a herd of deer, and it is said that the importation of these animals would not only make the locality a sportsman's paradise, but their presence would be invaluable in the event of a shipwreck occurring on the islands when the survivors would not lack for provender. L. T. Watson, of Jedway, who is largely identified with the life of the islands, is in the city at present and is interviewing the government on the subject. The matter was previously brought to the attention of Premier McBride, when steps were said to have been taken to provide a herd which could be transported from Port Simpson, and in fact the C. P. R. undertook to make special terms for the carriage of the animals from the mainland. For some reason the project fell through and now Mr. Watson is again bringing it to the notice of the government.

There is a strange irony in connection with this situation. The provincial government recently passed an order in council with the object of protecting the deer on the Queen Charlottes. At the present time there is not a single head of this species of animal there. The cost of transporting a couple of hundred deer, including the purchase of the animals, would be in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Mr. Watson states that this is the season of the year when the animals should be stocked, as by next year they will have increased greatly and by that time should be thoroughly established on the islands. Mr. Watson also suggests the importation of sheep, ground hogs, and goats. The only animals of any size at present on the Queen Charlotte Islands are bears, martins and a few caribou.

Mr. Watson, who is urging the above project on the government, is the holder of several mining ventures on the Queen Charlottes. He it was who located the Ikeda mines, now one of the richest properties in Canada's "outermost West," while he also was the first discoverer of mines in that territory.

The usual weekly meeting of the Anglican Young People's Association will not be held this week. It was proposed to hold a mock trial, but a sufficient number of members could not be got together for rehearsal, and it had to be postponed.



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NORTH WARD DEFEATED
IN BASKETBALL MATCH

James Bay Team Won, After
Playing Ten Minutes
Extra.

James Bay last night secured second position in the basketball league by defeating North Ward at the rink by five points, after a tie and a ten-minute play off. At call of time the two teams tied at nineteen points, and five minutes' play each way was ordered. The Bays scored five points and at the same time kept the North Ward five from dropping the ball in the basket.

Referee Frank Smith had trouble from the start with the rough play, but kept the game in hand. The excitement at the close finish was intense, and the game was very close all through, the first half ending 7-7 in favor of North Ward.

Other Games.
Y. M. C. A. intermediate and junior teams scored a double header last night against the Shamrocks' intermediate and junior teams. The intermediates won by 2 to 16, while the juniors had 17 points the better of things scoring 20 to 3. The latter was the game protested by the Shamrocks.

CHESS.

VICTORIA CLUB ACTIVE.

William Marchant, a member of the Victoria Chess Club, which is and has for months been in full running order, will give Times readers an interesting problem with a weekly chat on chess every Saturday.

The recent added interest in chess has brought more prominently into the public eye the game in the city, and the Pacific Club rooms, in which the Victoria Chess Club meets, are becoming the rendezvous of those who have long been interested in the game, but have heretofore not been in touch with the city players. Mr. Marchant promises some interesting problems for Times readers.

YACHTING.

VANCOUVER PREPARES.

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Something more substantial than moral encouragement will be given by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club to the owner of the racer that is successful in the series of trial races to select a defender for the Alexandra cup—the blue ribbon trophy of yachting supremacy on the Pacific coast. At the annual meeting of the yacht club which is scheduled for February 4th, a substantial sum will be voted to help defray the expenses of whichever racer belonging to the club's fleet that is selected to defend the trophy donated by Lieut.-Governor Dunsinuir.

BOWLING.

D. SPENCER TEAMS PLAY.

The teams representing D. Spencer, Ltd., of Victoria, and Vancouver, play to-night in the weekly telegraphic match. This is the third game of the series between the teams of the two stores.

SHERRING REFUSES

BIG AMERICAN OFFER

Canadian Runner Who Won at
Athens Remains an
Amateur.

Hamilton, Jan. 25.—W. J. Sherring, winner of the Athens Marathon in 1906, has been made a tempting offer to turn professional and meet the winner of the Shrubb-Longboat race at New York. The offer came through a New York sporting man, who Sherring believes to be acting for Pat Powers. The amount offered has not been disclosed, but it is understood that it is at least \$5,000. Sherring stated after winning his Marathon that he was through with the word. Although he admitted that he might enter in some short distance events just to keep in form. He has no intention, however, of turning professional.

While Sherring hasn't got a C. A. A. U. card, his only offence was running unauthorized exhibition races after he returned home. He will likely get his card this summer if he is good until the time comes. Billy has his eye on the next Athenian Marathon. He is always in fair shape, and when he starts is a strict self-disciplinarian.

HOCKEY.

SCHEDULE REVISED.

Under the revised schedule of the Hockey Union the next game will be February 5th. The full list is as follows:

Feb. 5th—Garrison vs. Victoria, at Oak Bay.
Feb. 12th—Vancouver vs. Victoria, at Oak Bay.
Feb. 20th—Garrison vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver.
Feb. 27th—Victoria vs. Seattle, at Seattle.
March 6th—Seattle vs. Garrison, at Work Point.
March 13th—Seattle vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver.
March 20th—Victoria vs. Garrison, at Work Point.
March 27th—Seattle vs. Vancouver, at Seattle.
April 3rd—Seattle vs. Garrison, at Oak Bay.

SKATING.

RACES POSTPONED.

Owing to J. Bendrodt having twisted his knee while skating on the ice at Beacon Hill, the roller-races between him and Baldwin, scheduled for this week, have been postponed until next week.

THE RING.

HILL WON'T APPEAR.

In connection with the preliminary at the boxing on February 2nd between Foley and Miller, a letter has been received from Hill, of Victoria West, announcing that he will not box Butler in a preliminary. He, however, is willing to make a match with Butler for 15 or

20 rounds at any time at 118 pounds.
BOUT NOT YET ARRANGED.

Alex. Monteith said last night that the bout proposed between Miller, of Vancouver, and Duffy, of Victoria, had not yet been settled. It was understood that articles had been signed and the matter arranged definitely to the satisfaction of both parties. It appears, however, for some reason that the promoters have not yet been able to get the men and the conditions arranged. Monteith could not say how long it would be before the matter was completed.

ATHLETICS.

LONGBOAT V. SHRUBB.

Tom Longboat will race Shrubb to-night at Madison Square, New York, over the Marathon course. The results will be received here between eight and nine o'clock.

SAYS COUNCIL

EXCEEDED POWER

(Continued from page 3)

cartload to be paid to the contractor and not as heretofore by means of tickets purchased from the city treasurer.

Re old Esquimalt road vehicle crossing. We recommend that the city solicitors be instructed, through agents at Ottawa, to apply for a rehearing of the application to the board of railway commissioners to enforce the making of a vehicle crossing where the passenger crossing now is in the old Esquimalt road, so that the application may be heard on the approaching visit of the railway commissioners.

Your committee considered the litigation now pending with Lee Mong Kow, Arbutnot and Jones, and recommended that existing instructions be adhered to.

Your committee recommend that a by-law be introduced to increase the age of liability for road tax from 50 to 40 years, and that road tax be made payable at the city hall, and also that a city official be instructed to collect road tax from all persons seeking to make the householders' declaration for the municipal election.

Your committee recommend that the by-law now before the council to alter the building by-law dealing with stables and other matters which may prove objectionable or a nuisance in the residential districts, be furnished to each alderman and be taken up at an early date.

WILL LAY TRACKS.

The B. C. Electric Company wrote saying they intended to open up the streets named after February 20th, for the purpose of laying tracks, and asked for the grades. The request was granted. The streets named are Fort street from the end of the present double track to Douglas street, thence along Douglas street to Yates street.

The Journeymen Plumbers' union wrote, asking that a by-law be passed making a trade examination compulsory. The matter was referred to the legislative committee on a recommendation from the last council.

The Annual Loan By-law, 1909, authorizing the city to borrow \$250,000 with which to carry on the business of the city until the taxes are collected, was put through its various stages and passed. The by-law providing for the regulation of boulevards was held over for a week at the request of Alderman Mable, who wished time to consider the provisions of the measure.

Garbage By-law.

The by-law to amend the disposal of garbage by-law was read and passed, but not until Ald. Ross had objected to the contract. The alderman thought one year contracts sufficient for the work.

Ald. Humber, however, said the contract is signed, sealed and delivered, and it will have to stand. The amendment passed last night gives Capt. Gardiner, the contractor, the right to collect fifteen cents per load, instead of the money being collected by the city.

Ald. Turner protests. When the report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was read, Ald. Turner entered a protest against signing the recommendations without time to look them over carefully.

Mayor Hall explained that the report was ready and on file in the committee room before the meeting and could be read by the alderman.

The report was as follows: John Nelson, manager of the Times Printing & Publishing Company, referring to the practice in vogue last year of holding private sessions of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, or sessions of the council to which the representatives of the press were invited. Recommended that in future all meetings of this committee be opened to representatives of the press, unless otherwise authorized by the resolution.

Robert Ward and Company, and the Canadian Tile and Timber Company, asking to be allowed an opportunity of rendering for cement required by the city for the current year. Recommended that the purchasing agent be instructed to call for tenders for cement.

R. E. Innes, calling attention to the condition of a box drain at the end of the lane off Sunnyside avenue. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have this drain repaired.

G. J. Bagshaw, re condition of Fairfield road, occasioned by the laying of rails by the tramway company thereon. Recommended that the complaint be referred to the city engineer with instructions to communicate with the B. C. Electric Railway Company, upon the subject with a view of having the nuisance abated.

Improvements. Donald Grant requesting that a sewer be constructed on Turner street and David street, and that repairs be made to Turner street, between John and David streets. Recommended that repairs be deferred until the sewer and connections (authority for which has already been voted) are put in.

Recommended that Rev. Father Brabant be informed that the obstruction across the sidewalk on the north side of View street has been removed.

Recommended that Mr. D. R. Ker be informed that Erie street will be repaired as requested, at an early date.

C. J. Brown re condition of Mer-



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Those stablike pains in the back may cost you your life if you do not attend to your kidneys at once. They are the cause of your trouble. There is one reliable medicine for kidney and liver diseases and that remedy is DR. ROOT'S KIDNEY AND LIVER PILLS. They act like magic, are worth a dollar a box, and are good for young and old. If you value your life stop your kidney trouble by taking this remedy at once. All druggists and stores sell them in tin boxes at 25c, or postpaid for price from DR. ROOT CO., Spadina Ave., Toronto. 6 boxes for \$1.25. Send for free sample to-day. Mention this advertisement.



ward street. Recommended that Mr. Brown be informed that the condition of this roadway will be improved as soon as the survey of this district is completed.

Recommended that a sewer be constructed on Princess avenue between Blanchard and Quadra streets, and also that water pipes be laid, after which the improvements asked for by the National Finance Company et al. can be proceeded with as a work of local improvement.

Recommended that a surface drain

be constructed opposite Clarence street, between Simcoe and Toronto streets, to drain the property adjacent thereto, providing the city engineer can arrange satisfactory terms with the owners of property interested to secure the necessary right of way for said drain.

Recommended that a surface drain be constructed from the north end of Catherine street, thence through Mr. Andrew Gray's property, permission for so doing having been obtained from Mr. Gray.

Recommended that a sewer be constructed on Gladstone avenue, between Belmont avenue and Pandora street. Estimated cost \$2,500.

Recommended that the sewer proposed for Dominion road, Victoria West, between Pine street and Powderly avenue, be deepened, in order to provide for sewerage the property on the west side of said road (which is just outside the city) on condition that the city engineer can arrange, by agreement, with the owners of the property in front of whose property the sewer will pass, that they will pay the additional cost of deepening the sewer, and also the sewer frontage taxes and rates chargeable by the corporation.

Recommended that the B. C. Electric Railway Company be granted special permission to cross the sidewalk on Fairfield road, at a point near Paul Bay road, with their tracks for the purpose of constructing a loop line, which the company is desirous of putting in owing to the nature of the large cars it intends running on the Ross Bay cemetery route, such permission to be in the form of an agreement to be drawn by the city solicitor, between the corporation and the company, and embodying the usual conditions imposed in such cases.

Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to cause all the streets in the city, which are paved to be thoroughly swept and cleaned up.

Recommended that a temporary 2-lane sidewalk be laid down on Harbinger avenue from Richardson street southerly, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Recommended that a sewer be constructed on Fisgard street, from Fernwood road to Stanley street, and along Stanley street to Grant street. All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee, and adoption of said report by the council.

The pigeon is found in almost every part of the globe.

THIS SIMPLE RHEUMATISM RECIPE ALSO SPLENDID FOR THE KIDNEYS.

This is a simple home recipe now being made known in all the larger cities through the newspapers. It is intended to check the many cases of Rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble which have made so many cripples and invalids and weakenings of some of our brightest and strongest people.

The druggists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The dose is one teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

Recent experiments prove this simple mixture effective in Rheumatism, because of its positive action upon the eliminative tissues of the kidney. It compels these most vital organs to filter from the blood and system the waste impurities and uric acid which are the cause of rheumatism. It cleanses the kidneys, strengthens them and removes quickly such symptoms as backache, blood disorders, bladder weakness, frequent urination, painful scalding and discolored urine. It acts as a powerful stimulant to the entire kidney and bladder structure.

Those who suffer and are accustomed to purchase a bottle of medicine should not let a little inconvenience interfere with making this up.

YMR MINES SOLD.

Preparations Being Made to Push Work Forward Vigorously.

Ymir, Jan. 25.—The first payment on the transfer of the Canadian Girl and Yankee Girl mines, situated a mile and a half from Ymir, from D. E. Grobe et al. to a New York syndicate was made on Saturday. Under the able management of Superintendent H. L. Rodgers the mines promise to become second to none in the Kootenays. Extensive preparations are now being made to push work forward vigorously, and active shipping of ore will be commenced at once.

The Bank of England was established by charter in 1694, and at first enjoyed exclusive privileges, as no other banking company was allowed to do business in the kingdom.



SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

"Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (25 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 10 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader is good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$100 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$100 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands after odd or even-numbered sections south of Township 6, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 28 and west of the third Meridian and the Bault Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$100 an acre. Not more than 1,000 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 20 years. Rental \$20 a mile per annum. Royalty, 10 per cent. after the output exceeds 10,000.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 100 feet square. Entry fee, \$50. DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 20 years. Rental \$20 a mile per annum. Royalty, 10 per cent. after the output exceeds 10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

READ THE TIMES

Great Clearance Sale of
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Profits have been ruthlessly sacrificed in order to make this the greatest Furniture Sale that we have ever held. Prices reduced on everything. No prices raised so as to show large discounts. We stake our reputation on this. Every article marked in plain figures with regular prices and sale prices, so that you can see at a glance the savings you make by buying now. It will be long before such an opportunity to furnish will be again presented, so do not fail to come to-day, hundreds of bargains await your inspection. Free City Delivery. Country Orders Packed and Shipped Free. No Goods Charged at Sale Prices. Terms, Spot Cash.

Handsomeness
Sideboards
IMPERIAL GOLDEN
OAK FINISH

Has bevel plate mirror 15 x 26, 2 small drawers, 1 large linen drawer, 2 large cupboards, top 30 x 46. This is a real good bargain at the regular price \$23.00. Clearance price

ONLY
\$17.75

See our fine stock of Sideboards, Buffets and China Cabinets—all reduced.

Dining Chairs
SUITE OF 5 SMALL AND
1 ARM CHAIR

IMPERIAL GOLDEN OAK finished frames, upholstered in Pantosote leather seats in dark green. A good, substantial, low priced set. Regular price \$20.

CLEARANCE PRICE
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SIMILAR SUITE of 6 chairs, but with the cobbler leather seats. Regular \$16. Clearance price only \$12. Others up to \$40

Hall Rack

THIS IS A VERY USEFUL ARTICLE IN ANY HOME

We offer a pretty Hall Rack in the Imperial Early English finish. Box seat and oxidized trimmings, including umbrella holder and drip pan. Fine bevelled mirror, 12 x 20. Regular price \$12.

CLEARANCE PRICE
\$8.75

We carry a full line of Hall Racks, Hall Seats, Hall Chairs and Mirrors, in all the popular styles and finishes.

Couches

Fine Velour Couch, spring head and seat, 18 oil tempered springs are used in this couch, which is well and substantially made in our own workshops. Choice of colors. Regular price \$10. Clearance price ... \$7.00

High Grade Couch, Golden Oak frame, upholstered in finest grade real leather, spring edge seat, colors green and maroon. Regular \$40 value. Clearance price ... \$29.00

Other Couches from \$5.50 up. Mattress couches from \$4.50 up.

Mission
Rockers

Mission Rockers and Chairs in Early English Oak are popular and useful articles of furniture. We are offering many special bargains in these goods.

EARLY ENGLISH OAK MISSION CHAIR, Spanish leather seat. Regular price \$12. Clearance price \$8

Similar Rocker, but with Spanish leather seat and back. Regular price \$15. Clearance price \$10.50

Many others to select from.

Princess
Dressers

A DRESSER THAT EVERY LADY NEEDS

We offer a real bargain in a Solid Oak Dresser, golden finish, with 18 x 36 bevelled plate mirror, base is 21 x 42 in., with two large drawers. Reg. price \$20.

CLEARANCE PRICE ONLY
\$13.50

OTHERS IN GOLDEN OAK AND MAHOGANY UP to \$50

Golden Oak
Dresser

SOLID OAK, GOLDEN FINISH

Has fine oval bevel plate mirror, 24 x 30, two large and two small drawers, swell front, top measures 21 x 42. Low priced regularly at \$25.50.

CLEARANCE PRICE
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We show a very fine line of Dressers and Stands, Chiffoniers and Wardrobes, in all woods and finishes, at big reductions in prices.

Parlor
Furniture

HANDSOME PARLOR SET OF 3 PIECES

Mahogany panels, upholstered spring seats and buttoned back, covered in fine quality velvet venora in green and red. Set consists of sofa, arm chair and arm rocker. Cheap at regular price, \$50.

CLEARANCE PRICE
\$40.00

Big snap for the buyer. Other sets from \$22.50 to \$35. Also fine stock Odd Chairs and Rockers to select from at low prices.

Bedridden with Piles

If you suffer from Piles the experience of thousands leads to one definite conclusion—that the surest way to relief is The Zam-Buk way! Surely you believe that nature provides somewhere, a cure for all nature's ills! Zam-Buk is the refined and concentrated essences of healing herbs—nature's balsam. Theoretically it should be good. Analysts and doctors agree on this. Practically as well as theoretically it is good. Thousands of people in four continents bear testimony. Read these cases—

Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 253, Hochelaga Street, Hochelaga, Montreal, says—"I suffered from blind, itching, and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. The inflammation, the burning smarting pain, the throbbing, the aching, the over-powering feelings of dullness and dark despair which this ailment brings, the shooting spasms of agony—all were so terrible that only sufferers from this awful ailment can understand it!"

Bad as this case was, Zam-Buk triumphed, and Mrs. Hughes suffers no longer.

Mrs. E. Boxall, of Scott Street, St. Thomas, says—"For months without cessation I endured great pain from bleeding piles. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, despondent and still suffering I gave in."

Then it was she heard of Zam-Buk, and she adds—"Although I feared Zam-Buk would be like the ordinary remedies—useless—I am glad it was not. It soon proved itself to be very different. It rapidly gave me relief, and after a time cured me completely. I would like to tell all sufferers from piles what a grand thing Zam-Buk is."

Mr. Theo. Carr, of Eglers Street, Runcorn, says—"I first began to suffer from piles through sitting on damp grass one summer, and for years I endured agony from this terrible complaint. Sometimes I would be bedridden for as long as a month at a stretch. Yet, to-day, I never suffer from piles! Zam-Buk cured me, to stay cured, and I bless the day I first tried it!"

So one could go on quoting case after case, and it is by working such cures that Zam-Buk has earned for itself its great reputation.

Now if you suffer from this terribly painful ailment just be guided by the foregoing cases! Don't delay! Don't waste time on things said to be "just as good." Get the real genuine Zam-Buk and start out on the way to health!

Zam-Buk is a sure also for cold sores, and chapped cracked hands, ulcers, festering sores, blood-poisoning, eczema, bad leg, ringworm, scalp sores, burns, scalds, and all skin diseases and injuries.

All druggists and stores at 25c, or box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price 1/2 box for \$1.25.

Cut out attached coupon and mail with 1c stamp (to pay return postage) to Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, together with name and date of this paper and a Free Sample box will be sent you.

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For School Trustee

To the Electors of Victoria:
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—
I beg to offer myself as a candidate for
School Trustee, and solicit your votes and
influence.

WALTER WALKER.

For School Trustee

To the Electors of the City of Vic-
toria:
Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to an-
nounce myself a candidate for the office
of School Trustee at the forthcoming
bye-election. Your vote and influence
solicited.

D. MCINTOSH.

\$50,000 FIRE AT ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.—The Richardson
building, at the corner of Broad street
and Viaduct, was destroyed by fire early
today with a loss of about \$50,000. As
the flames for a while threatened to
spread to an adjoining structure a gen-
eral alarm was sent in calling out the
entire fire fighting apparatus of the city.
The firemen by hard work, however, were
able to check the flames.

FOR EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Ameri-
can Red Cross yesterday cabled \$50,000 to
Ambassador Griscom at Rome, half for
the Italian Queen's orphanage fund, and
the other half for the re-establishing of
the professional men and other relief. At
the request of the navy department, the
Red Cross has consented to expend \$100-
000 for the purchase of lumber for more
houses, as suggested by the Italian gov-
ernment.

CALHOUN BRIBERY TRIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—David
Holsberg, a Market street jeweler, was
passed to-day as the sixth juror in the
bribery trial of Patrick Calhoun, presi-
dent of the United railroads. All six
men are subject to peremptory chal-
lenge.

DEATHS THROUGH ALCOHOL.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 25.—Two soldiers
are dead at Fort Dupont, near Delaware
City, and two others will probably die
from the effects of drinking a pint of
denatured alcohol.

HISTORIC HOTEL, GUTTED.

Pomona, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The Hotel Roy,
one of the most historical buildings in
the lower Mohawk valley, was destroyed
by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated
at \$40,000. The hotel was built in 1836.

WORK OF COLUMBIA COAST MISSION

New Hospital at Alert Bay Completed—Appeal for Boat.

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Bishop Perrin
presided at the annual meeting of the
board of the Columbia Coast mission
held at Christ church rectory. The
session was almost altogether taken
up with discussion arising out of the
reports of the treasurer, Dr. C. W.
Durrant, and the superintendent, Rev.
John Antle. Mr. Durrant reported
that the expenditure for the year
amounted to \$14,500, which meant
the upkeep of two hospitals, the ship
Columbia, and three doctors. The
receipts, which came from hospital
fees, the sale of hospital tickets,
government grants and private sub-
scriptions, fell short of the expenditure
by about \$2,000. This, with some out-
standing liabilities, made a deficit of
about \$3,000. It was felt that con-
sidering the partial shut down of the
camps for fourteen months, this was
not by any means alarming, and ways
and means for meeting it were dis-
cussed. It has been the policy of the
board to make the mission self-sup-
porting and hitherto they have only
applied to the general public for funds
to purchase plant; but the present
conditions may well be regarded as
exceptional, and it was decided that
each member of the board should
endeavour to raise a certain sum to be
applied to the liquidation of the debt.
Mr. Antle's report dealt chiefly with
the new hospital at Alert bay, and his
efforts to raise funds for a new boat.
The hospital building is completed and
only needs the finishing touches, such
as water supply, light and painting, to
be ready for opening.

Mr. Antle also reported that his trip
to Eastern Canada and England on be-
half of the new boat, was as success-
ful as could be expected under the
circumstances. But the hard times
which prevailed everywhere, and the
glorified idea of the wealth of British
Columbia, made it hard to collect
money. Nevertheless \$5,250 had been
collected in England, of which Lord
Strathcona gave \$2,500. The whole
amount in sight was something over
\$10,000. It was successful in finding
a suitable boat out of the hundreds
for sale, the one selected being 106
feet long, 18 feet beam and 7 feet 5
inches draught. She is built of steel
and has triple-expansion engines, and
her accommodation and equipment
leave nothing to be desired. She cost
her owner something like \$50,000, but
as he has given up yachting, he is
willing to sell for \$18,000. The board
is very anxious to raise six or seven
thousand dollars in order to complete
the purchase of the boat at the earliest
possible date.

It is intended to place her on a
regular route up and down the coast,
and with three hospitals, each with its
staff, and four doctors, the board feels
that the mission will be fully equip-
ped to do the work it set out to do
three and a half years ago; and can
confidently appeal to all who are en-
gaged in the coast lumber trade, for
their support in maintaining the in-
stitution.

YOU CAN CURE CATARRH.

J. H. Taylor, 54 Bond Street, Toronto,
Breathed Hyomei and Cured a
Long Standing Case of Chronic Cat-
arrh That Defied All Other Rem-
edies. Also Toronto and New York
Specialists.

Without taking a drop of medicine
into the stomach, J. H. Taylor, 54 Bond
street, Toronto, tells how the distress-
ing troubles of Catarrh were overcome
by simply inhaling Hyomei air. It's
the history of tens of thousands similar
cases on record, proving that Hyomei
can be depended upon to cure Catarrh,
Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Croup. It
has no equal for any distress of the
breathing organs.

Mr. Taylor says: "Some years ago
while on a hunting trip in Northern
Canada, I contracted a severe cold that
settled in my head and finally affected
my throat. It rapidly developed into
catarrh and caused a miserable throat
weakness. My head would become
clogged during the night and there was
a catarrhal dripping from the nose into
the throat. Many days I had been un-
able to breathe other than through my
mouth, and the constant hawking and
spitting was almost unbearable. I had
been treated by the best throat special-
ists here and in New York, but nothing
benefitted my condition. I obtained
Hyomei from Dr. E. Campbell's and soon
found relief, the throat dripping ceased
and my head began to clear. I contin-
ued with Hyomei for six weeks and af-
ter that time I was well in every de-
tail. There has been no return of the
trouble since, and I feel grateful in
speaking well of Hyomei, as it cured
me when all else failed." C-3

ALBURNI NOTES.

Ladies Aid of Presbyterian Church Give
Concert and Social.

(Special Correspondence.)

Alburni, Jan. 25.—The Ladies' Aid
Society of the Presbyterian church
gave a concert and social in Brand's
hall on the evening of the 12th inst. All
friends of the congregation were invit-
ed and a very pleasant evening was
spent. A short programme of songs,
recitations and music was followed by
refreshments served by the ladies of
the society and thereafter various

games were engaged in by the younger
members of the party.
E. Moore, of Cherry creek, whose
house was totally destroyed by fire on
Christmas eve, was the recipient on the
14th inst. of a cheque for \$518.50, being
the full amount of his claim on the
Mutual Insurance Company of B. C., in
which his premises were insured. The
company settled the claim with great
promptitude. Mr. Moore's claim having
only been posted to the company five
days previously. Mr. Moore had only
insured some two months before, and
had only paid the first premium of \$5.
Reports received from the district
concerning the earthquake shock felt
here on the 11th inst., show that the
severity of the shock varied consider-
ably.

COWICHAN DELEGATE IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Island Development League Will Materially Assist District.

Duncan, Jan. 25.—Andrew Peterson
has returned from Victoria, where he
attended the meetings of the Vancouver
Island Development League. Mr. Peterson
is very enthusiastic as to what can
be accomplished for the Cowichan dis-
trict by means of the league. He in-
tends at once setting about gathering
complete information in an interesting
form, regarding the resources of the
valley. With the new railway that is
to be built to Cowichan lake many
miles of valuable timber will be made
available, outlying lands will be cleared
and with the advertising of the re-
sources of the district, timber, mines,
lands for fruit, dairying, and of its de-
sirability as a place of residence, the
whole whole district will enjoy an era
of prosperity even greater than that of
the past two or three years, especially
if everyone assists for the general good.
A meeting of the residents on and
near the Cowichan river was held last
week, and Messrs. C. H. Dickie, J. Malt-
land-Douglass and J. Campbell were ap-
pointed to wait upon the government
and to urge that means should be taken
to stop the encroachment of the river
upon the adjoining lands. During the
past few years many acres of valuable
land have been washed away.
The Quamichan hotel was sold last
week by its present occupant, F. Con-
ryst, to Messrs. E. Stock and W. Whed-
die. E. Stock has held a position in
the Troubadour hotel for some time. The
new owners will take possession at the
beginning of February.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR LUMBERMEN

Manufacturers of Interior Will Hold Meeting at Nelson on Friday.

Nelson, Jan. 25.—W. A. Antle, secre-
tary of the mountain lumbermen's as-
sociation, has just returned from a
trip to East Kootenay. He states that
at present only two of the mills in that
district are in operation. The lumber
manufacturers, however, feel very
much encouraged by the outlook for
1909. They have just passed through
two very quiet years but the indications
are that a brisk demand for lumber
may be expected within the next month
or two. The reasons for this optimistic
feeling are that money, as a result of
the good crops in the prairies last year
will be easier and this slackening of
the monetary market is certain to be
reflected in a revival of the demand
for lumber products, which has been
very much less than normal during the
past 24 months. All indications point
to a large influx of emigrants to the
country, and an enormous amount of
railway extension is projected in the
three prairie provinces. All these should
mean renewed activity in the lumber
industry.

The stocks on hand at the mills are
about normal with the average retail
yard on the prairies is commencing
the season of 1909 with their stocks very
much depleted. Mr. Antle had every
reason to think that the coming
season would prove a far more satisfactory
one for lumbermen than has been ex-
perienced lately.

The annual meeting of the Mountain
Lumbermen's Association will be held
in Nelson on Friday next, January 29th,
and it is expected that a large number
of lumber manufacturers of the inter-
ior will be present. The business of
the meeting will consist of the presenta-
tion of reports covering the work of the
association during the past year, the
election of officers and a discussion on
matters of general interest to lumber
manufacturers.

PRISONER ENDS HIS LIFE.

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Dependent at the
loss of personal liberty, James B. West-
on, convicted horse thief and jail-breaker,
committed suicide in the penitentiary
last night with a shoemaker's knife. His
body was found by the guard as he made
his morning rounds. Weston was sent
down for five years, having been convict-
ed at the Vernon assizes of stealing
horses.

GOLD MEDALS FOR AVIATORS.

Brothers Wright to Be Honored by
United States Government.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Gold medals
with suitable emblems are to be awarded
to Orville and Wilbur Wright by Congress
in recognition of aerial navigation, and
for their ability, courage and success in
navigating the air, if the House of Rep-
resentatives approve a resolution adopt-
ed by the Senate yesterday. Senator
Prosser, of Ohio, introduced this resolu-
tion, which instructs the secretary of
war to carry out its purpose, and without
debate the measure was adopted by the
Senate.

LONGBOAT TO MEET WINNER

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.—Tom Longboat
has wired a favorable reply to the pro-
motors of the Marathon races in Chicago.
They asked the Indian to race the win-
ner of the Dorando-Hayne contest, sched-
uled for Feb. 17th. The red man said he
would meet the winner in the coming
race at any time in March. The date for
the third big race will be set later.

LE ROI MEETING.

Consulting Engineer Carlyle is Optimis-
tic Regarding Outlook.

Presiding recently at the meeting of
the Le Roi Mining Company in Lon-
don, the chairman, T. D. Grimke-Dray-
ton explained the reasons for the di-
rectors' recommendations that the
amount of \$35,106 standing to the debit
of mine exploration and development
account should be written off. The
board regretted that the results were
not more satisfactory, but as was ex-
plained in the report, the grade of ore
treated during the early part of the
year was much below the average, and
it was not until towards the end of the
financial year that development work
resulted in opening up ore yielding good
profits.

Though the past year was unsatis-
factory, he was pleased to say they
had recently had much better results.
Ore of excellent grade, rich in gold,
had been opened up in the lower levels
of the mine. For the months of Oc-
tober and November the profits
amounted to about \$14,000 after deduct-
ing all expenses at the mine and smelt-
er to pay for all development work. He
congratulated the shareholders on the
appointment as consulting engineer of
Mr. Carlyle, for some years general
manager of the Rio Tinto.

A. J. McMillan, managing director,
emphasized the importance of the re-
cent discoveries. In view of the irregu-
lar character of the ore deposits of the
Le Roi, he asked shareholders not to be
unduly elated when they had two or
three good months and not unduly de-
jected when two or three bad months
came along. There was still a good
deal of virgin ground to be prospected.
Mr. Carlyle dwelt on the early vicis-
situdes of the Le Roi and spoke optimis-
tically of the outlook.

PERSONAL

Rev. T. H. Wright, of Ashcroft, is on a
visit to the city.

Ex-Mayor Chas. Lindmark, of Revel-
stoke, is in the city on business.

Mrs. Peter Ferguson, of Saanichton,
left on Saturday by the C. P. R. for
Toronto.

Mr. Mayor McCandless, now of the
Standard Furniture Co., of Vancouver,
is visiting the city.

Miss Knowles, daughter of the gentle-
man whose body it was at first supposed
had been recovered in Vancouver harbor
yesterday, had prepared to go up to
Vancouver, when later intelligence in-
dicated that a mistake had been made.
She is living at the Dominion.

W. E. Oliver, of Oak Bay, arrived home
on Saturday night after enjoying a plea-
sant visit in Europe. He paid a visit to
Italy, but was not there at the time of
the earthquake. Mrs. Oliver and family
are remaining longer in the Old Country,
and did not accompany him home.

HAMILTON MAY HAVE

BOARD OF CONTROL

City Council is Urged to Apply for Necessary Legis- lation.

When it was decided last year to
change back to the ward system of
electing aldermen, it was generally
agreed that the change involved the
addition to Hamilton's civic govern-
ment of a feature which has not yet
been tried here—the board of control.
Application was made for the necessary
legislation, but it was made too late.
It is hoped that the new council will
see to it that the necessary legislation
is applied for at the approaching ses-
sion of the legislature, says the Hamil-
ton Herald.

One of the weaknesses of the ward
system, perhaps the chief objection to
it, is that it fosters a sectional spirit
in the city council. A ward representa-
tive is pretty sure to do what he can
to get work done in his own ward, even
to the neglect of other sections. But
some men have many push and "pull"
than others, and it sometimes happens
that this sort of man succeeds in get-
ting more work done in his ward than
it is justly entitled to, and this means
that other wards must go without work
which ought to be done.

This is a weakness in the ward sys-
tem which a board of control, elected
by all the people, would correct. The
duties of the board in Toronto are: To
prepare the annual estimates and sub-
mit them to the council; to prepare
specifications for and award all con-
tracts; to call for tenders for all work,
material, supplies or property required
for the use of the corporation; to in-
spect and report regularly to the coun-
cil upon all municipal works being car-
ried on; to nominate to the council al-
dermen of departments and all perman-
ent officials, or to dismiss or suspend
any official. To amend the estimates,
to revise any action of the board, or to
ignore its nominations, a two-thirds
vote of the aldermen is required.

Of course the controllers are paid in
Toronto, and would have to be paid
here. It would be unfair to expect any
man to devote the time and hard work
necessary to efficient performance of a
controller's duty and serve without pay.

With ward representatives, and a
board of control elected by all the vot-
ers, a well-balanced system of civic
government is assured. The four con-
trollers act as a check upon sectional
injustice in expenditure and are likely
to give better administration than is
possible under the committee system,
while the council has the power to hold
the controllers in check. The Herald
hopes to see this system in force in
Hamilton next year.

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CAPTAIN OF LEEBRO'S STORY OF RESCUE

How Soquel Survivors Were
Taken From Sea Bird
Reefs.

Captain James Hunter, who arrived from Banfield last night on the steamer Leebro, told his story of the rescue of the captain and crew of the wrecked schooner Soquel. He also brought the ship's chronometer, sextant, and the watch and jewelry which were the property of the captain's wife and child, consisting of rings and other small trinkets. The story was as follows:

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock word was received that a ship was ashore on Sea Bird reefs and twenty minutes later the Leebro started for the scene. The men could be seen on the rocks but the heavy southwest sea made it impossible to make a landing. The sea was dashing over the almost submerged Soquel. For two hours attempts were made at rescue, and then the boats returned to the Leebro, and she hauled off to wait until the tide went down.

At half past one the Ties hove in sight and together they stood in toward the wreck. One boat from each ship was lowered, but it was found impossible to make a landing. Later, soon after 4 o'clock, five men were hauled off the rock, the mate, Swan, refusing to leave. The plan of working was for the boat from the Ties to be off a little distance and with a rope to aid the boat from the Leebro, as it approached the rock. Ropes were thrown and the men hauled off by the aid of a life buoy. This work was finished about 5 and the men were put aboard the Ties and taken to Banfield.

In the morning the rescued men were put aboard the Leebro and the other seven men were rescued in much the same manner as the first five, they having in the meantime crossed over to the rock from the wrecked vessel. When the men had been rescued the Manning was sighted within four or five miles, and she put off a surf boat for the purpose of rendering assistance. The men were taken to the Manning, while the surf boat went on to the wreck to try to get the bodies, in which apparently they were successful, the Leebro going on to Clouise to bring the lifeboat to Banfield. This having been done the Leebro again returned to the wreck and found the bodies had been taken away. Captain Hunter took off the few movable articles belonging to Captain Henningsen and brought them here, where they have been handed over to United States Consul Smith.

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF SUFFERING

Dodd's Kidney Pills Effect Another
Grand Cure in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Margaret Brady Tells How They
Relieved Her of Rheumatism and
Made Her Stronger in Every Way.
Green's Back, Pictou, N. S., Jan.
25.—(Special.)—That diseased kidneys
are the cause of the ill from which so
many women suffer and that they are
cured completely and permanently by
Dodd's Kidney Pills, is once more proved
in the case of Mrs. Margaret Brady,
of this place.

"For five years," says Mrs. Brady,
when interviewed regarding her sick-
ness and cure, "I was ill with kidney
and liver complaint, which caused
rheumatism, neuralgia and heart
flutters. My nervous system was
affected and my blood seemed to lack
vitality."

"I tried medicines and was under the
doctor's care, but received no benefit
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stronger and better in every way.
These remedies and no other cured me."

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caused by diseased kidneys or impure
blood.

VENTURE BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE

COASTING CRAFT WILL
BE TOTAL LOSS

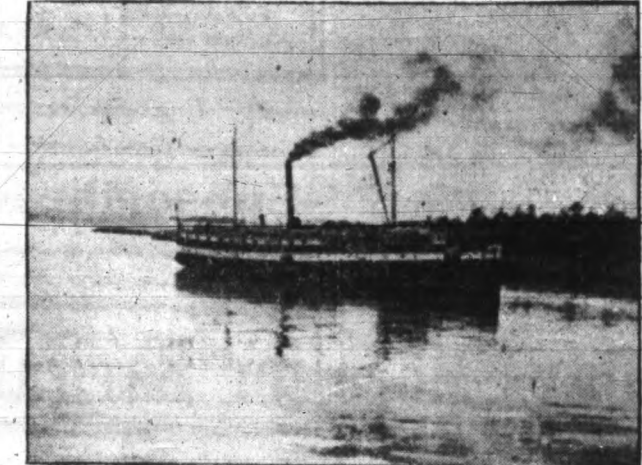
Passengers and Crew Escape
—Burning Steamer Set
Adrift.

Steamer Venture was burned to the
water's edge near Inverness Cannery, on
the coast of British Columbia, today.
Nothing is left but the lower part
of the hull and the engines and other
iron work, which is thought will be of
little value.

When the fire broke out she had just
finished loading 5,000 cases of salmon at
the Inverness cannery for J. H. Todd &
Sons, and she had 2,000 cases from the
Naas river. There were fifty passengers
and crew on board, all of whom were
safely landed on the wharf. It is unknown
where or how the fire started, but it
spread very rapidly and the ship was
soon enveloped in flames.

When it was found that the fire was
beyond control, the steamer was cut
adrift in order to save the wharf and
cannery. The tide carried her past the
Dominion cannery, so close that the
structure narrowly escaped catching
fire. A mile further down the river she
drifted ashore, and at the time a dis-
patch was sent to the Times was still
burning on the beach.

The Venture was purchased five years
ago by the Boscowitz Steamship Com-
pany from the Venture Steamship Com-



BOSCOWITZ SS. VENTURE.

Vessel which was burned to the water's edge off Inverness Cannery, yesterday.

pany, of Vancouver. She was built here
by A. C. McDonald for the late N. P.
Shaw, of this city, who used her for a
short time in the cattle carrying trade.
Her engines were constructed in this
city, but when she was rebuilt, at the
time she was acquired by her present
owners, new engines and boilers were
purchased in the Old Country.

The Venture was 151 feet in length, with
a 34-foot beam and one hold. She was
of the two-deck type, fitted with twin screw,
triple expansion engines, with cylinders
10, 15 and 25 inches by 16 in. stroke, and
had a working pressure of 180 pounds.
Her boilers, two in number, were of the
Scottish marine variety, and the vessel was
fitted throughout with electric light, in-
cluding an electric searchlight, which
was installed two years ago.

The estimated value of the Venture was
\$75,000, and insurance was carried amount-
ing to \$50,000. The salmon was also cov-
ered by insurance.

The vessel was in command of Captain
T. Goulding, with a crew of 23.
It is not known whether the vessel will
be replaced, but while this is being decid-
ed the steamer Yadoo will handle the
business, leaving on her regular run to-
morrow.

The Shinano Maru left Yokohama on
the 26th inst. with 14 passengers and 300
tons of cargo for this port. She is due to
arrive February 4th.

STORMY WEATHER DELAYS THE CYCLOPS

Blue Funnel Liner Will Return
to Port in Few Days to
Discharge Freight.

Bad weather delayed the Blue Funnel
liner Cyclops, Capt. Harris, which land-
ed her passengers at this port last
evening two days late, and then pro-
ceeded to Puget Sound. She will return
in a few days and discharge a little
over a thousand tons of European
freight and one hundred tons of Chi-
nese goods. She brought 5,000 tons of
freight in all.

TUG BEATRICE BOUGHT BY LUMBER COMPANY

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gines Are Unin-
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Steamer Leebro, under charter to the
Dominion government in connection with
the lifeboat work on the West Coast,
arrived last night from Banfield, bring-
ing the remains of the wrecked motor
lifeboat from Banfield, where it was
dashed on the rocks of Robber Island.
The whole side of the boat has been torn
away and the timbers broken. The en-
gines have been removed and are unin-
jured, but the hull looks as though the
brass work was the only thing of any
value. The boat is at present lying on
the old Hudson Bay wharf.

Captain Gaudin is wiring a full descrip-
tion of her condition to the department
of marine at Ottawa, and is making a
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DRAMATIC STORY OF SHIPWRECK

(Continued from page 1.)

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was wanting to complete the list. She
rests on the bottom of the sea fifteen
miles south of the Nantucket shoals
lightship.

The past three days have witnessed
what is beyond question the most re-
markable series of happenings in the
history of modern navigation. As the
drama is re-enacted in the tales of the
survivors and of eye-witnesses, a sense
of what might have been, had there
been lacking the heroism that was ac-
tually displayed, the marvelous human
efficiency that was shown and the aid
that modern science was able to ren-
der in the most critical of situations
becomes strikingly clear.

Sixteen hundred and fifty persons,
passengers on the Republic and the
Florida, whose lives were in jeopardy
for hours while the call of wireless
telegraphy was gradually bringing aid
nearer and nearer to them, reached
New York on the steamer Baltic. No
argosy of the olden days, bringing
golden treasure was ever more wel-
comed, friends cheered from the thou-
sands at the pier when she was docked,
greeted her arrival, tears of thank-
fulness were shed, affectionate greet-
ings were exchanged, and only here
and there a note of sadness heard. Five
fatefully marked—the tragedy, and
not without its toll in human lives, but
of those dread scenes of anguish that
would have been enacted had not the
fortuitous circumstances pressed into
aid human heroism and scientific mar-
vels there was hardly a suggestion.

When the Florida reached her dock
it was learned that three, and not four,
of the crew had been killed when the
steamer collided.

After the Gresham came up with
the sinking Republic preparations were
made to tow the steamer to the near-
est land for beaching, as Capt. Sealy
thought that she could be saved, but
the steamer's bulkheads were unable
to withstand the pressure, and at 7
o'clock Saturday night Capt. Sealy
ordered every man off the ship. He
himself refused to leave, and the sec-
ond officer remained by his command-
er's side. An hour later while the
searchlights of the tug Mary F. Scully
were playing on the scene, two shots
were heard from the bridge of the Re-
public, two blue lights were burned
and then the bow of the doomed ship
sank up in the air, and the great liner
sank stern first. Just before she went
down Capt. Sealy climbed the mast,
while his second officer jumped from
the rail. They were rescued by one of
the Gresham's lifeboats, in command
of Gunner Johansen. On the after-
deck of the Republic, as she went down
rested two caskets, containing the
bodies of Mrs. Eugene Lynch, of Bos-
ton, and W. J. McNeely, of Langdon, N.
D., who were killed in the collision be-
tween the Republic and the Florida.
The Republic rests on the bottom of
the Atlantic with 38 fathoms of water
over her at a spot 15 miles west of
Nantucket shoal lightship, and there
she will probably remain forever.

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head can be cured almost immediately.
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nesses or your money back.

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cold in the head, and is the cleanest
and most convenient cure for Catarrh
I have met."

Mr. Robert Kennedy, Kingston, N.
B., writes: "I would not be without
Catarrhoxone for the world. For a
cold in the head, coughs and influenza
it is indispensable. It is so pleasant
and convenient that it can't be praised
too highly."

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pocket—use it now and again, and
you won't have colds. It prevents as
well as cures them. Physicians pro-
nounce Catarrhoxone the most marvel-
lous cough and cold cure of the age
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Rumors having been current in Paris
for some days past of a sensational
discovery in connection with the manu-
facture of artificial diamonds, a repre-
sentative of the Journal des Debats inter-
viewed M. Maquenne, a member of the
Institute and professor at the Ecole
Centrale, whose name was mentioned
in the report. M. Maquenne states that
some months ago a manufacturer called
on him and announced that in the
course of some experiments in the electric
furnace he had quite accidentally pro-
duced a quantity of very small stones
having the appearance, purity, and
form of diamonds. M. Maquenne and
his colleague, M. Lacroix, examined
and analyzed the stones, which were
entrusted to them for that purpose.
They found them to possess all the phys-
ical qualities and chemical properties
of real diamonds. The manufacturer
on learning of this result deposited the
secret of the process in a sealed enve-
lope with the Academy of Science. The
envelope will be opened and the for-
mula read at the forthcoming meeting
of that body. M. Maquenne adds that
he has burned 21 of the stones which
were submitted and found them to be
pure carbon, while M. Lacroix exam-
ined ten others. Their size averaged one
hundredth of the carat. Beyond this all
that M. Maquenne knows is that the
process is different from that of M.
Moissan and very expensive, the stones
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In reading the recently published biography of the late artist, Whistler, one cannot but be impressed with the fact that he was a very clever but misunderstood man, whose fame—since his death—has been steadily growing.

Like most other geniuses, he displayed marked talent at an early age, for what was afterwards his life's work. He was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1834. When he was a baby he was so beautiful that a friend of the family is said to have remarked: "It was enough to make Sir Joshua Reynolds come out of his grave and paint Jemmy asleep." His father was a distinguished engineer and when Jemmy was but nine, the family moved to St. Petersburg, where he engaged in building a great railway for the Czar. Even at the age of ten Whistler was fond of drawing, and would often sit working at it in spite of his mother's entreaties that he should go to school. When the family returned to the United States he was sent to the West Point Military Academy, whence he was shortly after dismissed, and it was finally decided that he should be allowed to follow his own bent. Accordingly he went to Paris to study art.

He is described while there as a buoyant, fascinating youth. His life had its share of escapades and hours of semi-starvation, with once a walk from Cologne, with portrait-painting in payment for food, his only resource, and in the end was evolved an artist. Recognition was, however, tardy, and this was the case, in a degree almost all his life. He was never popular with the masses and his work was often severely criticized.

An amusing story is told of him, when his brief London popularity was at its height. He knew everybody but would not allow everybody to know him. When somebody said to him, "The Prince of Wales says he knows you," Whistler's answer was, "That's only his side of the story."

He is described by his biographers as a very brilliant conversationalist.

The Scottish poet, Burns, whose birthday we celebrated on Monday, is another example of a genius neglected and misunderstood during life; and a memory fated and feasted long after the body had crumbled into dust. "One wonders sometimes what is the use of it all. Why applaud a man after he is dead and clap him on the back, metaphorically, when, had we met him on the road during his lifetime, we should probably have turned our faces the other way."

"The sooner the world wakes up to the fact that geniuses, as a rule, are, to put it mildly—a bit queer—the better it will be all around. We let an ordinary sort of man pass in a crowd without notice, but when a man above the ordinary in any way, be he a statesman, a financier, a musician, an artist, or a writer, has any peculiarities of looks, or speech, or action, we comment on them, and magnify them, and spend so much time criticizing, what is after all only a small matter and one which in a common man would probably have passed unnoticed, that we overlook the truly great and noble qualities which he possesses."

But—when the flowers are growing on his grave, we keep his birthday and drink toasts to his memory—and his ghost, if he has one—laughs.

The gates closed mournfully on the tragedy of another song-writer's life. Everybody knows and loves the songs, "Old Folks at Home," "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground," "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," etc., but few know perhaps that the writer of them, Stephen Foster, died friendless and alone. Unidentified, in a city where his music was being sung and played on every side, where publishers were selling thousands of copies of his songs, and growing wealthy from the proceeds, his body was sent to the morgue. There it lay until almost the time for it to be consigned to a pauper's grave, when it was claimed by friends and buried to the strains of "Old Folks at Home," and "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming."

Stephen Foster was born in Lawrenceville on July 4th, 1826. He had been described as "a sweet, gentle, lovable boy." His father played the violin but in music the lad was wholly self-taught. In 1842 his first song, "Open thy lattice, love," was published. Most of his songs were composed with a view to being first sung on the minstrel stage. They had the effect of considerably raising the standard of minstrel performances and giving to them a distinctive character.

At least twice Foster endeavored to become a business man and failed miserably. Afterwards he devoted himself entirely to song writing, and at times walked the streets like a tramp. He would write a song in the morning, sell it literally "for a song" at noon, and by night have the proceeds spent. His genius in song writing—for it certainly amounted to genius—is now being recognized by serious writers on music.

MME. GADSKI WILL SING HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Director of Musical Society Will Receive Requests for Special Numbers.

Victorians will turn out in full force to welcome Mme. Gadski back to the city at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening, and arrangements have been made for a flashlight photograph to be taken of the audience.

Box parties have been arranged by the following: Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, Mr. and



MME. GADSKI.

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Requests for special numbers not included in Madame Gadski's programme should be addressed to the director of the Victoria Musical Society and left at the box office at the theatre. Floral tributes for Mme. Gadski should also be left at the box office and they will be presented by the ushers.

The concert will begin promptly at 8.30 and positively no admittance will be permitted during the singing of a number. There are 350 good seats (unreserved) in the gallery, the doors of which will be opened at 7.30. Those attending the concert are requested to remain in their seats for a few minutes after the last number for the photograph.

"THE FLOWER OF THE RANCH."

Western Musical Comedy Will Be Attraction at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday.

Presented by a company of some fifty people, "The Flower of the Ranch," a musical comedy, all the scenes of which have been laid in the west, will come to the Victoria theatre on Thursday. The work enjoyed an extended run in New York last season, playing at three different theatres, and was the summer attraction at the Garrick theatre, in Chicago, a sufficient guarantee of its worth. Joseph E. Howard, whose music contributed so materially to the success of "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "The Girl Question," and half a dozen other plays of recent vogue, is the author and composer of "The Flower of the Ranch," and it is declared to be his best work. Of the twenty odd musical numbers at least a dozen are participated in by the big chorus. Among the principal members of the company, which is the same as last season, with two exceptions, are Jessie Huston, comedienne; Frances Cosar, soprano; Edward Hume, an eccentric comedienne who is considered one of the best dancers on the stage; Frederick Knights, tenor; John McSweeney, Walter Stanley and George Doolittle. A handsome and complete production is carried.

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The proprietors of the Morning Chronicle of Halifax, N. S., of which paper he was for many years the editor, have in course of publication and will shortly issue a new and complete edition of the speeches and public letters of the noted Nova Scotian publicist, Joseph Howe. In this edition will be included the material contained in the edition published by Hon. Mr. Annand in 1858 and also all the important speeches and letters delivered and written by Joseph Howe between 1858 and the time of his death in 1873.

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Misses Raymond and Leeming were appointed for hospital visiting during the coming month, and Misses Dunsmuir and Angus as shopping committee. The latter were instructed to purchase flannellette for three dozen children's night gowns, and outside blinds for the sun room of the children's ward. The treasurer was directed to send the first payment for the Daughters of Pity's share in the auxiliary's work.

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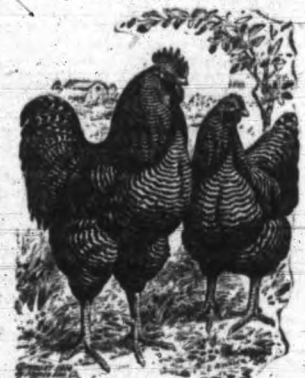
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The invitation subscription dance to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening promises to be a very smart affair. The following ladies will act as chaperons: Mrs. P. S. Lamson, Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Mrs. S. H. Barnard, Mrs. S. Powell, Mrs. J. W. Truop, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Blackwood and Mrs. Stuart Robertson.

Frank J. Sehl is arranging for a play, "The Modern Amias," which will be given in Institute hall on the evenings of February 18th and 19th. The same company of amateur players which presented the comedy "Champane and Oysters" so creditably last season, will form the cast, which is as follows: Misses Glen Switzer, V. Seiler, Lillian Clark, T. L. Toye, Messrs. Frank J. Sehl, W. H. Sweeney, F. C. Clark and M. Doyle.

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After speaking in appreciative terms of the pleasant surprise received through the address and the gifts, Father Vullings invited the visitors to spend the remainder of the evening with him. The time sped quickly, enlivened with music, vocal and instrumental. The programme was contributed by Misses Ray, Hargreaves and Needham, Messrs. Cantwell, Verdi, Brooks and Lacoursiere. On the conclusion supper was provided from the surprise baskets brought by the guests. Father Vullings is soon to take a well-earned vacation, and his many friends of all denominations wish him a pleasant holiday.

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POLITICS OF THE TWO PARTIES CONTRASTED

(Continued from page 1.)

only a perfunctory thing at best, but it seems to me it is the duty of the government to see that it at least outlines work for the session. The only legislation foreshadowed is that in regard to irrigation in the dry belt of British Columbia. That is a most important subject to a large section of British Columbia, and one which I am glad to see the government is at last taking up and dealing with at this season, along, I have no doubt, broad and generous lines.

We have on this side long recognized the deplorable conditions of what is known as the Water Clauses Act, which, because it is so very voluminous and full on certain points, is recognized as one that the layman who has to deal with questions affecting irrigation is unable to understand in its provisions. I think I will be endorsed by the lawyers of the House when I say that even lawyers have found it impossible to give a reasonable meaning to the sections relating to the conservation and storing of water.

I propose to leave the discussion of the irrigation problem until that bill is brought before the House, when I trust we will have a full discussion, and I can assure my hon. friend that we shall assist in making it a workable measure, and one which will do the greatest good to the largest number in the province. (Hear, hear.)

Covering Up Tracks.

The prosperity of the province has been referred to and I am glad to endorse what has been said as to the commercial situation of British Columbia at present. We have been enjoying in the last few years exceptional prosperity, and even when the banks to the south of us were unable to pay out money for the commercial uses of the people, Canadians were able to get money and to carry on business, while British Columbia enjoyed a measure of prosperity far in advance of other provinces. The cause of that prosperity I need not discuss to-day. My friend who seconded the address (Mr. Davey) has attributed the prosperity we now enjoy to the present government. He suggests they have done everything they could to bring that about; that that prosperity is the natural result of the actions of the government, and he defies even my hon. friend from Delta to find anything to charge against that government.

It may be that the premier has succeeded in covering up his tracks so well that even the member for Delta will not be able to uncover them. But when I consider what his government has performed since 1903 I think perhaps some others of us who are not so apt in criticising the government as the member for Delta will be able to point out that the hon. gentleman, since taking office, has been able to do nothing of first-class importance for the country. (Hear, hear.) He has never lost an opportunity of declaring that he has done the very best that could be done for the people.

He claims that he rescued the province from bankruptcy in 1903 and 1904. I will not admit that. I think the vast majority of the people in British Columbia will not admit that this province was on the brink of bankruptcy in 1903 or that the statesmanship, or so-called statesmanship of my honorable friend and his finance minister, was responsible for placing the finances of British Columbia in their flourishing condition to-day. I admit that British Columbia is in a most favorable condition in regard to revenue and expenditure, but that revenue has been obtained from increased taxation of the people and from natural resources of the province. So far as the revenue from natural resources is concerned, that is the proper source from which British Columbia should obtain its revenue and not from an increase of taxes. (Hear, hear.)

Unjust Timber Laws.

But the manner in which that revenue is obtained from natural resources is a most important question for this legislature. The legislation of the government along the line of timber licenses and laws, I think it will be admitted—even by the premier, I was going to say, but I cannot expect an admission of that kind from him—but it is admitted in the province generally that the timber laws as changed by the present government have brought about a condition of affairs which requires most careful consideration from the legislature to-day. Take the question of timber licenses alone. We have six and a half million acres expiring in about twenty-one years. We have these millions paying annually \$140 per square mile for the timber on the coast and \$115 per square mile in the interior. This payment year by year goes into the coffers of the government and yet if the licensees are going to realize for the expenditure they are making, they must take off the cream of the timber within the limit of their licenses.

Now what is the effect going to be upon the timber of our province. I submit the effect will be the timber will be slaughtered by the holders of these licenses within the term of them. It is only human nature that people holding valuable assets should realize on them, and that human nature is as strong in lumbermen and millmen as in any one else.

What is the government prepared to do with regard to the situation it has brought about? Before it changed the law the lumberman had a license from year to year. It is true which might be considered by the chief commissioner and was therefore most defective. But so long as a holder conducted himself there was no danger that any chief commissioner would dare to cancel his license. That was changed, and perhaps the holders were to blame, first to five years and then to sixteen, which would bring it up to twenty-one years. At the end of a limited period and lumbermen either have to lose or take off the timber in that period. Are the people of British Columbia prepared to have their timber slaughtered? Do the lumbermen and millmen regard the situation as satisfactory for their standpoint? So long as they are concerned they are entitled

to protection, but the protection of the license holder is not the only thing to be considered by this legislature. We have to consider it and the interest of the province as well.

The Opposition Policy.

The policy of the Liberal party, as I mentioned last session, is to grant these licenses in perpetuity, but make them renewable from year to year upon conditions which were set forth in our proposed amendment, conditions of conservation and protection, which would permit the land required for agricultural purposes to be obtained. I have no doubt that the lumbermen and people of the province will make their voice heard in no uncertain way in this regard when they have an opportunity to tell my hon. friend what their sentiments are with regard to the forest resources of British Columbia. (Applause.)

In the previous sessions a great deal was said in regard to the fiscal policy of the government, but I find the premier's colleague from Victoria does not seem to be satisfied with it. He says he thinks the tax on personal property and income ought to be removed or reduced. I think I remember the finance minister making the statement on the floor that the most equitable kind of tax which could be levied on the people was a tax upon income. Yet we find the second of the address does not agree with this; he thinks the income tax is iniquitous and that the personal property tax should be removed.

Personal Property Tax.

Now I agree that the tax on personal property should be readjusted. We advocated last year and earlier that the tax should go to the municipalities. Municipalities find it impossible to get sufficient revenue to carry on their affairs. I notice it is found in my own and it is, I believe, the same in others, that the revenue from land tax, liquor licenses and other similar sources at the command of municipalities is insufficient to meet their requirements. So if there is to be any change made in the personal property tax I think the sentiment from one end of the province to the other will be that the change that should be made is the diversion of this tax from the province into the municipal treasuries. I hope the government will this session pass an amendment which will effect this and enable the municipalities to augment their income and carry on their business more efficiently than now. (Applause.)

Beautifying Victoria.

It has been repeatedly urged in this city that something should be done in the way of a contribution by the government to the beautification of Victoria. I find no hint in the speeches to the government policy on that matter, but I trust that my hon. friend will do that he does something for this project. During the recent Dominion election a great deal was said as to what the Liberal candidate in this constituency had done or had not done for Victoria. But what has my hon. friend done? If he does not propose to do something in the way I have suggested what does he propose to do? There is a revenue tax of \$3 on every male inhabitant which goes into the provincial treasury. Those who pay it are mostly taxpayers in the municipalities. I believe the tax is perfectly legitimate, although some people do not agree with me. I believe it reaches those who are not reached otherwise, but I do not think that the man paying the land tax or otherwise contributing to the provincial revenue should pay this poll tax. It is not done in Ontario or elsewhere. It is a good tax so far as it goes on those who do not pay any other species of dues, but it should be readjusted, and when readjusted, whatever tax is paid should go into the coffers of the municipality, and not to the province.

After all we have a growing revenue. I understand at the present time the finance minister claims a surplus of something like a million and a half. There is no reason why we should hoard up these surpluses, and when there are roads, bridges and other works to be built by local bodies, no reason why we should leave these without all the help we can give them. The claims of the municipalities should be recognized, and when we have a growing revenue they are justified in coming to us and asking for better terms. Surely the hon. gentleman who has made better terms a by-word in every household in British Columbia, and made it echo into every other province, he will not deny to the municipalities those better terms which our resources enable this government to give.

The Mineral Tax.

Then the question of the mineral tax, a burning one for several years, has not been dealt with in the speech. In 1903 or 1904 my hon. friend made a promise to deal with it, but although he promised, and that promise was backed up by the finance minister on the floor of this House, it was not dealt with, and the mineral tax remains the same inequitable tax, and is likely to remain so as long as this government is in power. How are our mineral resources showing? The mineral output has shown a decrease, and if you analyze them—as I am not prepared at this moment to do without a further study of the public accounts and the mineralogist's report—though the reports show a slight increase over the year before, there is a decrease when you compare the prices realized before. The total tonnage of one or two Boundary mines, the most important of this province, has gone steadily down the last three or four years.

No encouragement has been given to struggling miners—and there are many of them in this province, I can assure

the premier—by this government. Encouragement has been given by the federal parliament in the lead bounty, but no encouragement whatever from this government, even in the way of removing this iniquitous mineral tax, and what should be the greatest industry of the province is gradually languishing under the do-nothing policy of the premier.

Railway Development.

My hon. friend's government has said nothing about railways. Now the railway situation in British Columbia is not any too satisfactory at the present time. Three or four years ago, going back to ancient history, ancient so far as the life of this government is concerned, the premier did think it necessary to extend railways into the interior of British Columbia. But he has done nothing. The railway laws places in the hands of the government a pull with the railways, but unfortunately it was a pull with existing corporations, and no attempt was made to deal with new companies which would open up the interior. What has the government done in regard to the Kootenay Central or the line running to the north of this island? Does the premier propose to do anything about a line between the main lines of the C. P. R. and G. F. P. R.? Is there anything to be done, and if so, why was it not suggested in the speech, to lead me to believe that the resources we have north of the C. P. R. line will be developed, or that this island, with all its riches, of which we have heard so much in the last few days, will be developed in the northern part of it?

I undertook two or three years ago to show what a railroad connection had done for the province, and that two-thirds of our revenue was being derived from two portions developed by railways, the Kootenay and Boundary country and the southern portion of this island, districts generously dealt with in the past in the matter of railways. I pointed out shortly that his government's encouragement to the government to encourage railway development elsewhere.

It does not mean that we are giving away our assets when we encourage railways by a guarantee of bonds or by a cash bonus where the province can give one. It simply means we are lending our assistance to railways to get through a country which will not pay the companies, but where railway connections will pay the settler and the province. These grants and similar offers of assistance have made Canada in the past twelve years what we find her to-day in the great western plains. If it was not for such encouragement to railways where would the West have been? If we look at our own priority the greater part of it is due to the encouragement which other provinces and the Dominion government have shown railways.

License Laws and Bureaucracy.

Another matter not referred to in the speech—I suppose my hon. friend does not propose to deal with it this session—is the act passed last session which placed the administration of the liquor license law practically in the hands of the attorney-general, in unorganized territory. It was pointed out at the time that was a dangerous power to place in the hands of any one man or government. The people have to have the holder of the license, the man who knuckle down to the government, or risk the loss of his license. There is the power placed in the hands of the government to compel those holding licenses to become members of the Conservative party, or, if the law remains till next election, when the Liberals will be in power, supporters of the Liberal party. I say it is wrong. It is not a question of supporting the government party or keeping quiet, but a question of leaving every man to his political freedom. But how can any man, depending on the attorney-general or the government, be an independent and free-minded elector? My hon. friend may say: "Give us instances." I do not care whether there are instances or not, but the power has been given. Unquestionably this power has been abused, and abused during the past year, but whether it is or not, I am not taking that ground so much as the principle of taking away from the people in the locality affected the right of dealing with the licensing of the sale of liquor. I trust my hon. friend will say his government will do something this session, if not placing them back where they were as far as regards unorganized territory.

Fairness to All Riders.

I trust my hon. friend will take into very favorable consideration the distribution of appropriations for public works. It was pointed out last session that those constituencies which dared to return opponents of the government were punished in this matter. It was pointed out, and could not be denied, though when the estimates were finally passed it was a little better—the appropriations in constituencies which returned opponents of the government were only half those given in the other cases.

What kind of a way is that to deal with the money of the province? Is it not a disgrace to the government of the province when we can point out with truth that when a constituency exercised its franchise independently and fearlessly and elected opponents of the government, they were punished by being denied their proper share of the public funds. It is true we shamed the government into making larger appropriations, but even as the estimates were finally passed there is no question but the amount given to constituencies, which returned opponents of the government, was less than given to the others. I trust this year the premier will rise superior to

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Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British Subject of the full age of twenty-one years and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee.

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Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 23rd day of January, 1909.

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POLITICS OF THE TWO PARTIES COMPARED

(Continued from page 10.)

this policy and will recognize his duty to the province as a whole, exercising his high office in no partisan spirit but in the spirit of a statesman, dealing fairly with the whole people.

Civil Servants in Politics.

I want to refer to the manner in which a certain portion of the public service of this province has been debauched in being made party agents. I do not accuse all of being of this character, because there are some, thank heaven, who are not—and if the premier does not know it I will tell him now, so that he can discipline those gentlemen who have been abusing the power placed in their hands to political ends.

We found these gentlemen going about, not only in provincial but Dominion election, and being the money placed at their disposal to work to compel men to vote for the Conservative candidates. This was the case in Kootenay and in Yale-Cariboo. With regard to the other constituencies I am not in a position to speak, but I am for, on good authority, and am sure to have to believe it is not so. I will believe him that the government agent, for instance at Nelson, a gentleman at one time a member of this House, has been going about that constituency during the whole time of the federal campaign and has been telling the farmers and settlers—work was being carried on government work was being carried on—that unless the ballot-box at that place showed a majority for the government candidate the work at that place would stop immediately. (Shame.)

Shocking State of Affairs.

That story has come to me from half a dozen different localities. That has been going on right along. The question whether a road would go along here or there or not depended upon whether or not the ballot-box showed a satisfactory result. If that is true it shows a most shocking state of affairs in certain branches of the civil service in this province. I have mentioned the name of one gentleman. I could mention the names of two or three others said to be in the same position. The government agent in my own district is above reproach. He would dissent to do a thing of that kind, and there are other government agents of that kind in British Columbia, but unfortunately there are government agents of the class I have designated, using public office and public funds of this province for the advancement of the Conservative party.

I recall that at our last election we heard a great deal about interference of Ottawa. I am prepared to say, and I know what I am saying, that there was no interference from Ottawa at that election. But while there was none on the part of the Dominion government in 1905 there was the greatest interference on the part of the local Conservative party in the last federal campaign.

Elections Should Be Independent.
I, for one, think that elections for the Dominion and local houses should be kept separate. (Hear, hear.) Their interests do not coincide. I think the province will do well to confine itself to provincial issues. I do not think it advisable or expedient for Dominion politicians to mix in elections in this province. The premier does not believe with one who believes that the Dominion may take part in provincial elections, but where is he when a Dominion contest is on? We find him out using all the patronage and influence of his government and all his own prestige for his own political party. I trust my honorable friend will see that the civil service is looked after for the personal manner in which it has been going on, in the hope that it will not be found that patronage and power will be used to defeat the will of the people at the polls. (Hear, hear.)

The Settlers' Rights.

A matter of which the speech takes no notice, albeit it is of the utmost importance, is that of the settlers versus the speculator. The land laws of the province apparently have been passed and manipulated for no other purpose but that of not permitting settlement, but of allowing favored individuals to get rich quickly. Let us take the contrast of the Northwest and the way the lands of this province have been parcelled out. This government is not to blame more than former ones but it is a wrong course and the sooner we demand that the place valuable lands at the disposal of the settler and not of the speculator, of a man who will become a taxpayer and revenue producer, the better for the taxpayer at large, even if we do not realize a cent out of the original pre-emption. (Hear, hear.)

In the wet belt of the dry belt the settler who clears the land earns every cent he pays for the land. But what do we find? That in the Bulkley and Nechako valleys the land is plastered with scrip; that the bona fide settler, going in there at great expense and trouble, over the Cariboo road, finds that every foot of valuable arable land

is plastered with scrip or sold to a speculator. The settlers have been driven out, and they say that if this is the way we are going to treat them and deal with their lands, they do not want our lands. The government talk of reserves, but it would have been to the point if they had placed their reserve on the land before the speculators got in their stakes. The contribution the actual settlers would make to the treasury is of more importance than any paltry sum we could get from the speculator.

High Fruit Land Values.

We have had a sample of government reserve in fruit lands put up for sale at Creston. It may work out well in the long run but how was it there? We advocated cutting up the land into small holdings and parceling it out to the settler—but I do not think from \$10 and \$15 up to \$30 an acre for land on which they are about to settle is a fair price. I understand the average price at that sale was about \$30 an acre. I say that is too much to charge people who come into British Columbia to settle. (Hear, hear.) If we get the settlers we can afford to give him the land. That is not the policy which has built up the western plains. Twenty-four million acres have been taken up by settlers and not one single acre sold. That policy has led to the benefit of the whole of Canada and immensely to that of the people of British Columbia. If the fruit-growers and lumbermen, giving them a market which they would not have otherwise had. Our prosperity in British Columbia is largely due to that colonization policy on the western prairies. This government would do well to take a leaf out of that book. The men who form a large proportion of every community, pay a large proportion of the taxes and produce the best results should be given all the advantages any pioneers should get. (Applause.)

The Seattle Exhibition.

One more omission I notice in the speech. There is about to be held the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition in Seattle which will insure largely to the benefit of the mines, timber and fruit lands of this province, because if we exhibit these products there there is no doubt but the excellency of our exhibit will attract people from the neighboring republics. I should have been glad to see the government recognize the importance of this exhibition to this province by being prepared to give some reasonable grant towards its success. I hope our honorable friends the government will take it up yet and make a grant commensurate with the importance to British Columbia of that exhibit. (Hear, hear.)

I recognize the fact that at best the speech is merely a perfunctory attempt, and in the manner in which it was prepared this year it is especially so, but we will have other opportunities to deal with the matters I have touched on this afternoon and be in a better position to point out the needs of the province and matters on which the government has earned criticism.

Let me assure the House and my honorable friends on the other side that in all matters which make for the welfare of British Columbia we on this side will sink all questions of partisanship and politics, and give our hearty support to all things which we think are the interests of the province as a whole.

Prolonged applause greeted the leader as he sat down, and soon after the leader of the government essayed a reply, as reported in another column.

BRITAIN NOW HAS FLEET OF DREADNOUGHTS

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London, Jan. 26.—Just as England was the first to have a Dreadnought, so she is before all other nations in having a fleet of these, the most modern of fighting ships. With the commissioning of the new battleship Lord Nelson and her assignment to the North division of the home fleet, the first line of defence against a possible attack from across the north sea, that fleet in the words of a British admiral, became "a combination of strength and homogeneity unequalled ship for ship, in the world's fleets."

A year ago the North division, which is under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, consisted of the Dreadnought which had hardly completed her trials; the Bulwark, London, Magnificent Majesty and Victorious. During the year the new battleship Agamemnon and the armored cruisers Indomitable and Infatigable, which are to all intents and purposes battleships, replaced older vessels, and last week the Lord Nelson relieved the Magnificent, leaving the Victorious the only representative of the pre-Dreadnought era in Admiral Bridgeman's command. Before mid-summer it is anticipated the fleet will be further strengthened by the Dreadnought battleships Temeraire, Bellona and Superb.

CONFERENCE HELD WITH COUNCIL

ADVERTISING OF CITY UNDER CONSIDERATION

Members of Board of Trade and Tourist Association Urge Grant.

A deputation consisting of members of the board of trade and the tourist association last night waited on the mayor and council in the committee room of the city hall in reference to a publicity grant for the purposes of advertising the city during the present year. That the grant be made and the council name the amount was the desire of all the speakers, who also left it to the city to determine in what manner the grant should be spent and to what association made. The tourist association representatives present declared they had no wish that the funds should be handed out to the tourist association rather than to another body if such a plan met with the approval of the mayor and aldermen. When several speakers had been heard and the mayor and several councillors had spoken on the matter it was finally put over for further consideration by the city fathers.

Simon Leiser, president of the board of trade, asked the council to reconsider the proposal of last year's council to grant \$7,500 for the tourist association. He was sorry it had been referred to the referendum. The referendum had not been a fair test as the polling place was in an out of the way position, and while 1,100 had voted for it there were numbers that had been unable to find the booth. He said another meeting of those interested in the matter had been held, and that the deputation was present to ask for \$7,000. The mayor had heard Mr. Chapman, and it was well known that thousands of tourists would be out here next year. Victoria should strive to get these people here, and would have to take steps to do so. The Vancouver Island Development League was working on the matter. He hoped the council would come out and do the right thing for the city. The tourist association had done good work and had been carried on by Mr. Nelson for some time free of cost. He, however, had not the time to give to the work, and a paid man was needed. He hoped the council would accede to the request for a grant.

A. W. McCurdy said the only mistake the council had made in regard to the referendum was that it did not ask for enough money. It should have doubled the amount. The citizens doubtless thought the roads needed the money while others thought the amount insufficient for the big purpose in view. Many would have voted for \$15,000. Any business man knows that large returns cannot be obtained without large expenditure. The tourist association has been able to show good work for the money spent, but this year a well trained man, an expert, is wanted. Last year the association had been short of funds and the work had been carried on by Mr. Nelson for nothing. Victoria and the island have been advertised in England, and the east in the past year, and better results would have been obtained with an expert in charge. The \$7,500 was not sufficient. That sum would be raised by the business men of the city easily. While he was in favor of the city doing something he was not in favor of the tourist association being carried on as it was last year. A publicity bureau controlled by the city was the idea for this year. The council should give a grant and the citizens supplement it.

C. H. Lugin said many people thought it was a money-by-law and did not vote for it. The tourist association held no public meetings, and is not on broad enough grounds. The city should assist.

Springfield, Ill., gave a prize recently for the best advertising plan. The A. Y. F. fair should be taken advantage of this year, for the chance would not come again. He said there were many who would subscribe there were many who would donate, but would not make a small one, like many others. The city should give also. The development would create taxable property and the city gain. There had been an increase in the last four years under the work of the tourist association.

The city should decide on liberal support.

Mr. Shalleross said the people did not recognize the benefit of advertising in there, and the people there think the security here is better than in other British possessions for investment. While a Victoria loan had been subscribed in London in two days, a West Australian loan had not been subscribed at all. He thought the city should have named \$25,000 in the referendum. The people would then take more interest in the matter. It is a settled point that we have to advertise, and the council and other bodies can see to the method.

A member of the delegation having asked for the opinion of any present that was opposed to it, John Nelson said it would be a good idea to discuss it with the aldermen, and if the council had objections it would be well to hear them.

The mayor illustrated the growth of interest in Victoria in the east now and a few years back, and Aid McKeown said the council was in an embarrassing position. He had always been in favor of advertising, and good work had been done by the tourist association. There was great feeling in the city last year against the voting of \$4,500. Therefore the referendum was opinion. It was, however, not a representative vote, for there was not the same enthusiasm as in former years. The people have said we shall not make the grant, and now the council says how can we do it?

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At the store at the corner of Government and Cormorant streets the winning numbers were as follows:—1st, 307; 2nd, 611; 3rd, 2157; 4th, 1618; 5th, 2418; 6th, 2425; 7th, 789; 8th, 2140; 9th, 921; 10th, 2888; 11th, 601; 12th, 120; 13th, 1221; 14th, 2814; 15th, 485; 16th, 1833; 17th, 1044; 18th, 2664; 19th, 673; 20th, 536; 21st, 143; 22nd, 768; 23rd, 707; 24th, 170; 25th, 577; 26th, 282; 27th, 323; 28th, 3238; 29th, 1120; 30th, 2008; 31st, 597.

half a million people here if we bestir ourselves. Vancouver, on the direct route, is spending \$10,000. We should spend more. We want the money people here, and must advertise what we have to get them. "I wrote to Mayor Miller, of Seattle, for figures and they expect 3,000,000 paid admissions at the A. Y. F. fair. Victoria should get at least a half a million to a million people. The Vancouver Island Development League is a splendid idea."

Ald. Henderson, replying to Mr. Leiser on a question that he was responsible for the referendum, said the council was unanimous that the matter should go before the people. He should abide by the matter but was in favor of advertising the city. He served four years on the tourist association but must obey the mandate of the people. He would not support \$7,500 for publicity purposes, but felt that judicious expenditure at the A. Y. F. fair would be the right thing. He thought the tourist association should have taken a little interest in the matter of the referendum. The people do not know what has been done, and feel that the money is needed for streets and other purposes.

Ald. Raymond was in favor of the publicity grant and said the majority of the votes against the referendum were those of people who would not have to pay the cost. He asked if by-law petition from ratepayers could be presented.

Ald. Henderson said the city could put in an exhibit at the fair, and Mr. Nelson asked if an attendant would be in charge to administer it. Ald. Henderson replied in the affirmative when Mr. Nelson asked if it did not amount to the same thing as that proposed by the meeting.

Mr. Nelson said: "We are here tonight, not to ask for the perpetuation of the tourist association, but for the perpetuation of publicity work. We remonstrated against the referendum, as you cannot get an intelligent expression of opinion from the people. We could not, as Ald. Henderson suggested, get round after the voters while members of the body. We said at the time the referendum would be lost. The Vancouver Island Development League is formed and is a consolidation of the island, and if Victoria cannot take up a publicity campaign then it cannot do what the small towns of the island are prepared to do."

George Coldwell said there had been a great increase of traffic here this last year. Forty-four people had come into Ald. Fullerton's ward alone to reside, through the tourist association, in January last year. "I think the real opportunity is now."

position in the matter was to an individual and not to the association. The C. E. R. traffic has increased greatly and publicity should be pushed. I said myself the referendum would be lost, but the opposition did not come from business men.

Ald. Stewart said: "I am in favor of publicity. It was, however, mentioned but once in the election campaign. The C. E. R. must not be allowed to do it. The people don't know what the tourist association has done, but it has done good work. I feel that the council could vote \$5,000, and I would give a little myself." (Applause.)

The meeting dispersed without any definite arrangement having been reached, owing to the fact that the council had to meet upstairs. Those present were, in addition to the mayor and councillors, were: Simon Leiser, president of the board of trade; H. G. Wilson, A. W. McCurdy, C. H. Lugin, A. Peden, F. Elworthy, George Coldwell, ex-Alderman Vincent J. Shalleross, W. Williams, Herbert Kent and John Nelson.

LONG VS. SHORT SLEEVES.

Notwithstanding that long sleeves have been declared modish for all but ball gowns, one sees short sleeves in the majority of theatre frocks, and there is no gainsaying the fact that they are prettier, their grace enhanced by the long glove rippling to above the elbow. The short glove is really hideous in the evening, and long sleeves do not convey the idea of full dress, as matter how elaborately made nor of what sheer materials. It is encouraging to see that American women have the independence to revert to what is becoming and graceful, rather than to follow, sheeplike, wherever French makers choose to lead.

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